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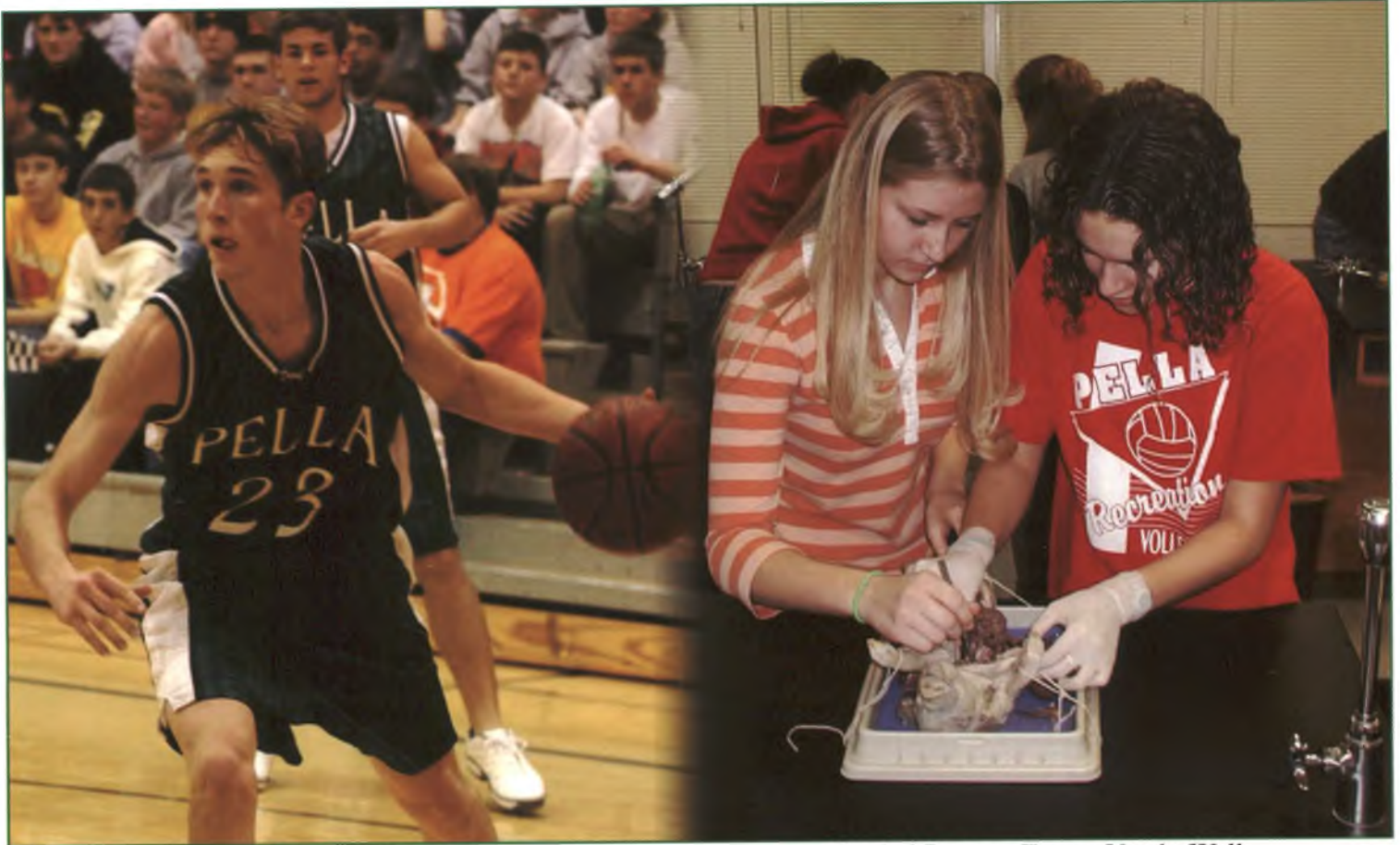


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Six Four One... Lauren Birkel

Just as the 641 area code establishes Pella's place in Iowa, students found their place within Pella Community High School during the 2003-2004 school year. Students quickly jumped into not only the academic year, but also sports, clubs and other extracurricular activities. ♦ "At Pella High, there are a lot of opportunities, like sports and music. There are lots of different things to get involved in. It's nice how all the different grades get along and respect each other," said freshman **Erin Kraayenbrink**. ♦ Sports is one of the most widely-participated in activities offered. Sophomore **Brad Janssen** was impressed with Pella's athletic coaching staff. "At Pella High, I've been able to improve my wres-

tlng. With the help of determined coaches, I become better each day," said **Janssen**. ♦ Freshman **Chloe Mathonnet-VanderWell** made was pleased with the transition to high school. "There are a lot of activities to choose from, and the options are nice. In high school, I've gotten to know a lot more people than in middle school. Also, the teachers teach well, and they make it fun," said

Mathonnet- VanderWell.

♦ Forté member junior **Naina Barnett** competed at state drill team for the third consecutive year. "Even though drill team has undergone a lot of changes this year, we went to state with confidence, and we all put our all into each performance. As always, it was a great experience, and we're all looking forward to state next year," said **Barnett**.

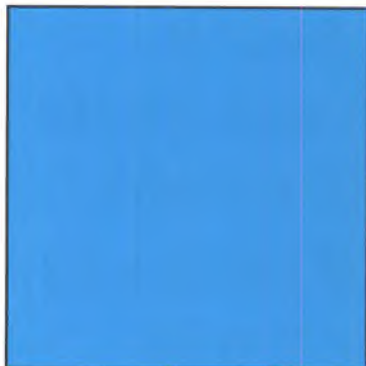


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♦ Seniors **Jon Veermer** and **Andy Hawkins** cheered on the varsity boys' basketball team as they played against Knoxville. "Being a senior is great because it's my last year, and I want to show a lot of school spirit. I got all the tight clothes from Jon. We pump up the team by being loud and annoying the other team. I'm glad that we beat Knoxville," said **Hawkins**.



♦ Sophomore **Sara Collins** participated in the fall play, "Makin' It." This was **Collins'** second year as a cast member of the school play directed by **Steven Woolery**. "The play was a great way to meet new people and get to hang out with friends. We had a lot of backstage talking and playing cards. It was an overall great time," said **Collins**.





❖Senior **Becky Steenhoek** (top) competes for a spot on the Tulip Court. ❖Senior **Tyler Boeyink** (middle) hugs his freshman brother **Clayton**. ❖Sophomore **Lindsey Jansen** (bottom) helps out with the journalism craft show in the day care. ❖Senior **Kellee Van Hemert** (back) plays his guitar during an ISH concert.



♦ Junior **Lacey Pender** sings her rendition of Madonna's "Like A Virgin" while hypnotized at the after prom held at the middle school.

♦ Sophomore **Brenna Boat** marches in the Saturday afternoon parade. "I was mad when the Saturday night parade was cancelled because we all wanted to run out into the crowd. Tulip Time was a blast other than that," said **Boat**.

♦ Freshman **Joy Scharff** sings in the show choir for Carnaby Club on April 30.

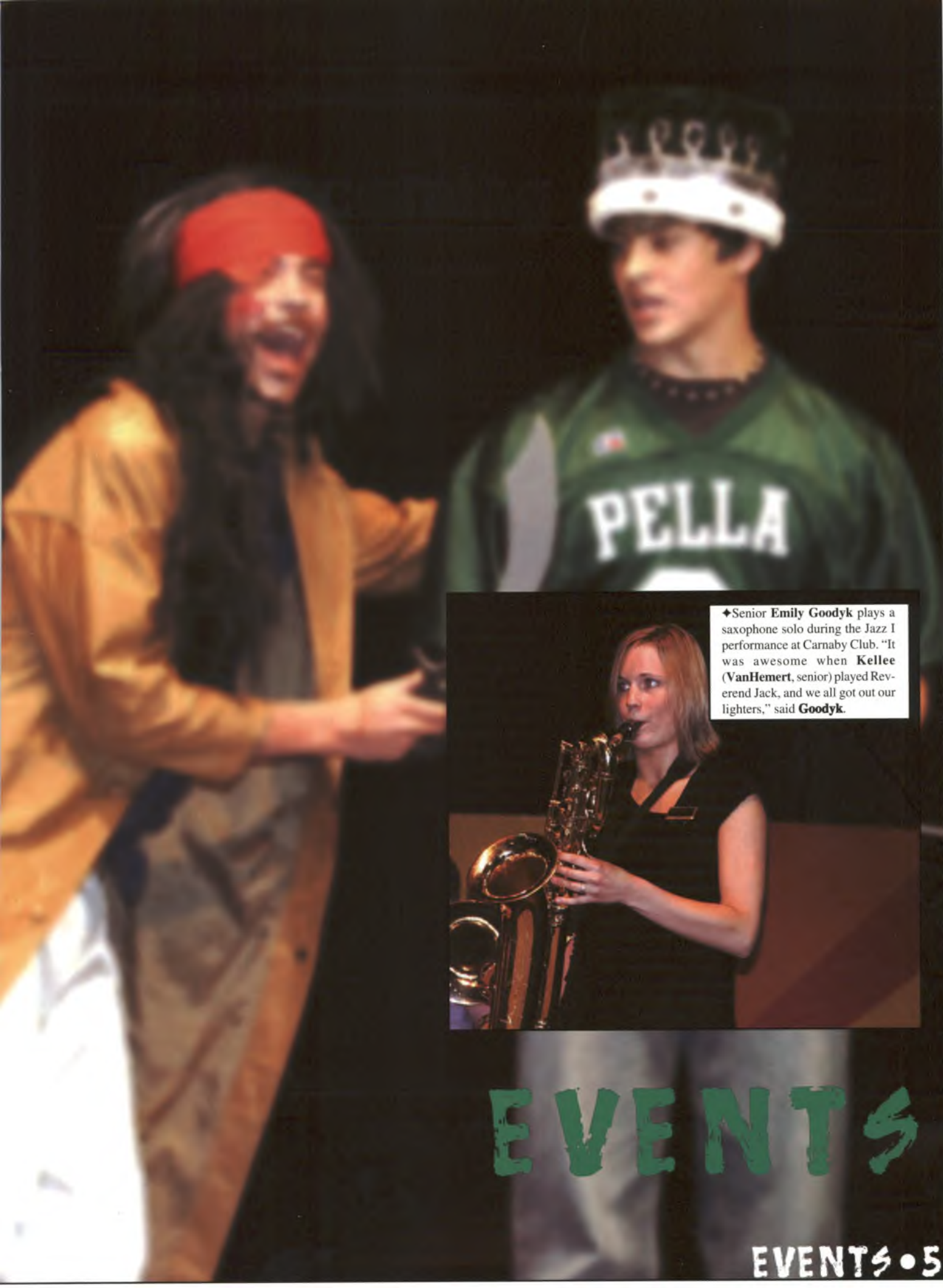
♦ Seniors **Lyndsay VanMaaren** and **Blair Verhoef** show their support at the homecoming game against Norwalk.



HAPPENINGS

It was a busy year in the 641 area code, with the events that people will remember for years to come. Whether it was prom, Tulip Time, homecoming, or Carnaby Club, it was all a part of life at Pella High in 2003-2004. Seniors **Matt Terlouw** and **Joe Burch**, right, helped come up with a clever homecoming skit. The seniors spoofed "A Christmas Carol" and won first place in the competition. This year's prom theme was the "Frosted Fantasy." "Even though I didn't have a 'date,' I still had fun getting my groove on with my friends," said senior **Micaela Grob**. Sophomore **Jon Birkel** made multiple trips to the square during Tulip Time. "The best part of Tulip Time is the food, and this year I ate at the oriental food stand at least three times a day. The people in the stand laughed at me because I came back so many times," said **Birkel**.

•Lauren Birkel



◆Senior **Emily Goodyk** plays a saxophone solo during the Jazz I performance at Carnaby Club. "It was awesome when **Kellee (VanHemert, senior)** played Reverend Jack, and we all got out our lighters," said **Goodyk**.

EVENTS

Homecoming

Dutch claim victory, but it's a close call

Comes ALIVE

• Alice Quangvan



The week of Homecoming was a week of sports events. The football team played Norwalk and the varsity volleyball team played Knoxville the week of homecoming. They lost, 0-3, a disappointment for senior **Jordan Bloodsworth**. "We didn't play to the best of our ability. We weren't able to get fired up properly before the game because Coach (Fessler) wanted us to focus on the match," said **Bloodsworth**, pictured with senior **Angela LoThi**. "We didn't connect very well against Knoxville. There was a goal in mind, but for some reason it couldn't be reached that night. We gave a lot of effort but our heads weren't in the game. Fortunately we took them out in districts to redeem ourselves," said **LoThi**.



Freshman and senior girls share a victory against the sophomores and juniors in the Powderpuff game. "I thought the Powderpuff game was awesome even though I didn't get to play very much because I'm a freshman, it was still cool to just watch!" said freshman **Jessica Clark**. For sophomores and juniors it was a disappointing loss. "It was kind of upsetting because we won freshman and sophomore year," said junior **Crystal Elsoo**. The boys came to watch the girls play against each other. Freshman **Tyler Lo** was one of the spectators at the game. "The game was fun to watch because the girls ran around like they didn't know what they were doing," said **Lo**.



Queen **Sarah Van Wyk** and King **Joe Burch** share a brief moment at the dance held after the game. "The homecoming dance was a good time as a senior. It was really meaningful because it was my last homecoming dance. Dancing with **Joe** in front of everyone was definitely a moment to cherish," said **Van Wyk**. Other students came to enjoy the music and dance with their friends. "I thought the dance was awesome. The underclassmen weren't making an effort to dance, instead they just talked amongst themselves. If you go to the dance you should dance and make it more fun," said junior **Jenny Torres**.

❖ Ready to go! Senior **Ryan Salter** leads the team in breaking through the sign to start the Homecoming game against Norwalk. "I thought we came out slow, but we played a lot better in the second half. We got-er done and learned a lot from it," said **Salter**, pictured with seniors **Jon Vermeer** and **Chris Vos**. "As a team, we didn't play real well. We came together and had a great inspiration to overcome our adversity. We came together and went away with a great win on Homecoming night," said **Vermeer**. The team played their hardest. "I knew it was my last high school homecoming game so I played my heart out. There is always something you want to prove on homecoming and I feel the whole team did it," said **Vos**.



Varsity Volleyball Team



Coach Matt Schulte



Matt Terlouw



Naina Barnett



Mary Fox

Emily Goodyk



Seniors



Sarah Van Elsen



Lindsey Hoopes



Jon De Haan



Sam Reicks

It's a Win!

The night began as the football players ran through the sign before the Oct. 3 game against Norwalk. In a close game, Pella emerged with a 27-24 win.

"The game was awesome. It came down to the wire, but we came together and pulled out a win," said junior **Brett Nikkel**.

The fans were engaged in cheering the team on to victory.

"The game was fun ... it was so close, and everyone was cheering," said junior **Lacey Pender**.

Some were closer to the action than others, including football manager senior **Alison Van Hal**.

"It was awesome to be on the sidelines with the guys. ... you get to be so close to the action and also to be involved when the guys celebrate," said **Van Hal**.

"I thought the game was great. All the classes got into it and came together. The game was exciting, and the students really supported the team," said sophomore **Natalia Plahotnaya**.

If You Were There You...

- watched Pella defeat Norwalk, 27-23
- listened to the Barbie song for the second year in a row at the lip sync contest
- listened to the crowd cheer at the game
- saw all the seniors in their togas at school
- got judged by the cheerleaders for dress up days during lunch periods
- saw the court be announced at halftime during the game



Freshmen/Senior Girls

Bobbi Van Zante

Courtney Fleenor, Amanda Van Sant

Rachel Barnes

Homecoming

Seniors take control of school spirit, pride

Games

BEGIN

• Angela LoThi



Senior **Josh Jaarsma** theatrically performs his lip sync to "Pink Tux to the Prom" by Relient K. During his performance, the cd player stopped and **Jaarsma** had to finish singing the song himself. "When the music coped out on me, I was extremely disappointed until people told me to sing out loud. I really didn't mind singing because it added to the fun of the song. Personally, I don't know why I didn't even place. I did the splits in skintight pink pants!" said **Jaarsma**.



Sophomore **Jason Dole** plays **Harry Carey** in the sophomore skit. Sophomore **Jon Birkel** played **Conan O'Brien** who was interviewing **Dole**. Plenty of preparation and hair spray was used to make **Dole's** character come alive. It was a good experience for **Dole**. "I thought it went really well. Although I hesitated a couple of times, I got all my lines in. Let's just say I was glad that it was finally over," said **Dole** of his performance.



English teacher, **Steven Woolery** stole the show in the seniors' skit. **Woolery** portrayed what Homecoming Queen **Sarah Van Wyk** would be and look like in the future. **Woolery** bounces a soccer ball on his knee to imitate **Van Wyk**. "I had fun with it; I thought it was funny. I'm not opposed to playing unusual roles because I have obviously done it before," said **Woolery**. **Woolery** borrowed his women's apparel from senior **Danielle Brillhart**.

❖ Homecoming King senior **Joe Burch** and Queen senior **Sarah Van Wyk** read the traditional scroll in front of the student body and faculty after being crowned at coronation. "Being Homecoming Queen was certainly an honor. Sharing the experience with **Joe** was really neat. He is a silly guy and made the week 10 times more fun. This year's homecoming was definitely a memorable time that I won't forget," said **Van Wyk**.



Andrew Doyle Andy Oldridge, Lindsay Graham Steven Woolery Ryan Boswell, Heating Ducts Kyle Eastwood D.J. VanderHyde Kerry Van Hemert



Thomas Salz



Aly Fugitt, Stacey DeJoode



Marie Bruns, Alison Corbett



Chris Boal



Andrea Shrout

3-Peat made for Seniors

As the seniors chanted, "3-peat! 3-peat! 3-peat!" the underclassmen sat in silence. The class of 2004 had won overall in homecoming three years in a row, even out-cheering the seniors last year for the spirit shoe. Although there were upset underclassmen, many felt the seniors deserved the victory.

"I liked the senior skit the most because it was actually funny compared to all the other grades' skits," said freshman **Josh Van Heukelom**.

Junior **Calvin Vos** enjoyed himself despite of his loss to the seniors.

"It was great to get out of school early to play games. I liked watching my team almost get killed in bombardment by the seniors," said **Vos**.

Seniors showed their pride.

"It was a lot of fun to represent a class that has competed fairly and won three times! Our skit kicked butt and annihilated the other classes hopes of winning!" said senior **Emily Bensink**.

If You Were There You...

- voted for the homecoming court
- had the song "Fish Heads" stuck in your head
- "awwed" at the last heating duct performance
- laughed at junior **Josiah Carter**'s imitation of retired teacher **Bob Kramer**
- had whipped cream stuck in your nose from the pie-eating contest
- cheered "V-I-C-T-O-R-Y" at the pep rally
- got your groove on at the Homecoming dance



Emily Goodyk

Courtney Fleenor

Alison Corbett

Cheslea Pelland

Kyrsten Klein, Elysia Purnell

Michelle Chaplin, Guy Blair

PROM CREATES: Frosted FANTASY

• Blair Verhoef

Unseasonably warm temps don't stop prom fun



Senior **Lacey Beyer** and friends dance at the April 17 Frosted Fantasy prom. The group prepared for prom and then drove to Johnston for dinner at the Greenbriar. Following the after prom activities at the middle school, a group of seniors spent the rest of the night having a good time at the Country Inn and Suites Hotel. "Prom was really fun! Dancing with my friends was so much fun, especially since it was our senior year. I am really glad we rented a hotel room because we all got to spend time together and make memories," said **Beyer**. "Eating at the Greenbriar was a lot of fun! The setting was really nice, and it was just fun being with everyone. Prom was really a blast this year. It's something I will really miss!" said senior **Erin Sokol**, pictured with **Beyer**.



Juniors **Justin Versteeg** and **Jordan Williams** dance to the slow song "From This Moment" by **Shania Twain** and **Bryan Adams**. Couples were everywhere, enjoying the romantic atmosphere. "Prom was a blast! The day went really fast, though, because I was busy getting ready. It was cool to see everything come together at the actual dance. The decorations were awesome," said **Williams**. Many students had an enjoyable time at prom, and it was a special time for many couples. "Spending prom with **Nick (Cortez)** was tons of fun. Last year he was gone for military leave, so this year was more special and meaningful to me. We had tons of fun together," said senior **Jordan Bloodworth**.



Junior **Victoria Cervellera** and senior **Darrell Kooistra** take time at prom to sit back and enjoy the scenery. "Prom turned out to be even better than I thought it would have. The juniors did a nice job setting everything up. It all looked good! I had a great time being with my girlfriend (**Cervellera**)," said **Kooistra**. "I personally had the best time of my life going to prom with **Darrell** because I had liked him ever since middle school. It was also great knowing that I was with a real gentleman, and that I could be his lady that night. This is something I will never forget! My dreams have come true and I hope his did, too," said **Cervellera**.

❖ Juniors **Heather Ross**, **Bobbi Van Zante** and **Naomi Yang** get their groove on as they dance to the "Cha Cha Slide." "The dancing was very boring in the beginning. Then, the 'Cha-Cha' song came on. Prom had finally started, and it was time to boogie," said **Van Zante**. "I enjoyed dancing at this year's prom with all my friends. It was just a great time to have fun," said **Ross**. Along with the dance, the after prom party featured a hypnotist, prizes and games.



Alyssa Haman

Megan Bender

April Sturmsa



Sara Steenhoek

Jill Van Vark

Ashley Roorda



Megan McCombs, Paola Espinosa



Sophomores



Ashley Dorman, Dan George



Joel Weiler, Matt Schnell



Seamus Turnbull, Ryan Sims

Heat It Up!

The week began with juniors and their parents and sponsors decorating for the April 17 prom. They came to school armed with materials to transform the school into a "Frosted Fantasy."

"I thought that the junior class did a great job with decorating. We all put a lot of time and effort into the decorating and in the end, it all paid off," said junior **Naina Barnett**.

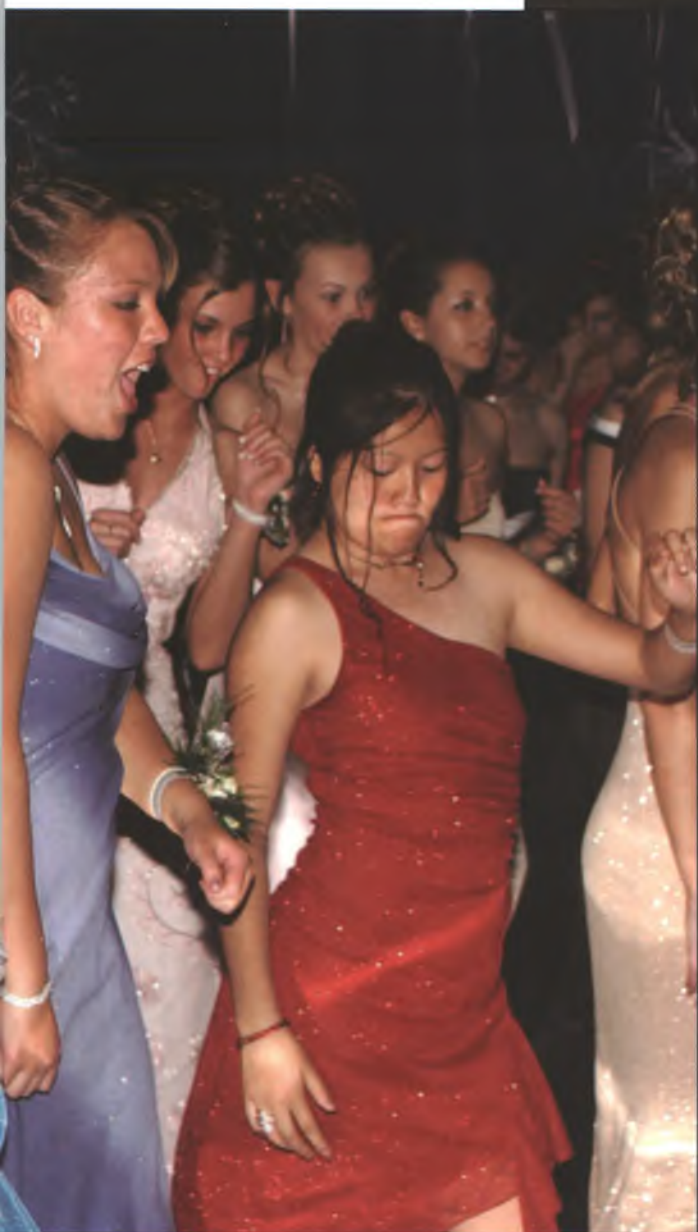
When Saturday, the night of the event, rolled around, the

temperature outside did not reflect the theme, Frosted Fantasy. It was scorching hot inside the school as students flocked in with family and friends to take pictures.

"It was a really nice day for prom, but when I walked into the school for the actual prom, it was a lot hotter inside than it was outside. It didn't really fit a winter theme, but it was still a rip-roaring good time!" said senior **Courtney Fleenor**.

If You Were There You...

- sweat when taking pictures at the school.
- got in line and danced to the "Cha Cha Slide."
- sat outside the school to take a break from the sweltering dance floor.
- played Blackjack and a variety of games during after prom.
- watched junior **David Beyer** get hypnotized and act goofy at the after-prom party.
- cashed in money at after prom to try and win a prize.



Lucas Borgman Bridget Prescott Paloma Soria Lacey Pender, Kristine Kermode Lisa Witzenburg Allie Mansueto Kristine Kermode

FOOD, TULIPS, PARADES, TOURISTS, INVOLVEMENT

Tulip Time keeps students hopping



Despite the dramatic changes in weather, a large number of high school students viewed every parade. Seniors **Lacey Beyer**, **Courtney Fleenor** and **Erin Sokol** watch the parade together. "My favorite part of Tulip Time was hanging out with my friends. We'd lay our blankets on the street to save our spot for the parade, grab food and then go back and hang out on the blankets," said **Fleenor**. Tulip Time tradition calls for two parades each day, one in the afternoon and one at night. This year was an exception as the Saturday night parade was cancelled due to the expected stormy weather. "The horse patrol was definitely my favorite part of the parades. The clown and donkey at the back of the patrol were hilarious," said **Fleenor**.



Senior **Jasen Dahm** plays the trumpet while sophomore **Jason Dole** plays the trombone during the Marching Dutch's Friday afternoon parade. "I liked marching in the parade; the best thing was knowing that our band was so much better than the other schools' bands," said **Dole**. The band was in the parade two times this year rather than the regular three due to the cancellation of the Saturday night parade. Some band members were disappointed because they were looking forward to running out to shake people's hands while marching on Saturday night. "Although it would have been fun to run around, I'm glad it got cancelled because I got to hang out with my friends instead," said **Dole**.



Senior **Kelly Eysink** takes time after marching in the parade with the band to climb the rock wall provided by the Army National Guard. The rock wall had been at the high school during the fall, and some students got the opportunity to try and climb it there. "I have climbed the rock wall before, and I struggled the first time. After two or three times, I was a pro!" said **Eysink**. The wall was only one of many things to do during Tulip Time. Many high school students spent most of Tulip Time, hanging out with their friends and eating as much food as they could. "I enjoyed hanging out with my friends and watching the parades. I really enjoyed watching the Isiserettes on Saturday night," said **Eysink**.

Tradition

CONTINUES

• Suzanne Wares



Senior and Tulip Court member **Megan McCombs** waves during one of the five parades she was in during Tulip Time. Queen **Jenni Van Wyk**, a Pella Christian senior, and her court (seniors **Katie Ozinga**, **Alexis Baugh**, **Lindsay Graham** and **McCombs**) were near the front of every parade. "During the course of the year, the court bonded and became closer throughout the performances. We learned a lot about each other and made unforgettable memories together. The friendships we made will last for a long time," said **McCombs**. The court was able to have a lot of fun together while still working hard. "With up to two-to-four performances a day and 48 performances total, we still managed to have fun and learn a lot about the traditions of Tulip Time," said **McCombs**.



Riley Cooper



Paige Nelson, Angela McNaughton



Annie Terlouw



Clayton Boeyink

Joel Weiler



Luisa Orticeili, Marie Bruns



Katie Ozinga, Lindsay Graham



Kerry Van Hemert



Megan Renaud, Ashley Willemssen



Ryan Boswell

Weather Goes Crazy

Inconsistent weather did not stop tourists and students from attending Tulip Time during the weekend of May 6, 7 and 8. Despite some of the unfavorable conditions students still were able to participate in many Tulip Time activities.

"Working was o.k.; we were either burning up or freezing. Being with my friends made it fun and made the two hours go by quickly," said freshman **Klaric Korver**.

Between riding floats, working, marching, Dutch dancing and eating, students managed to also relax and hang out with their friends.

"The most fun I had was looking around at the stores at West Market; whenever parades weren't going on, it was fun just walking to one of my friend's house and watching a movie," said freshman **Jill Sorensen**.

Food still reigns as one of the favorite aspects of Tulip Time.

"The best part of Tulip Time is the food. Eating all the food you want for three days is great. The Chinese stand got most of my money, and the funnel cake and poeffertjes are a definite favorite," said sophomore **Derek Van Wyk**.

If You Were There You...

- Wore tank tops and shorts on Thursday then had to wear pants and sweatshirts and bundle up with blankets on Friday then went back to shorts on Saturday!
- Ate so much food you knew you should stop but kept going back for more because the food was too good to resist!
- Noticed the lack of high schoolers who usually hang out around the square.
- Were disappointed to find the Saturday night's parade was cancelled due to the threat of severe weather.



Hillary Van Horn



Colin Boswell

Trevor Patch

Emily Wilson, Ashley Estabrook

30 ACTS

Carnaby Club celebrates its 35th year

Highlight the SHOW

• Kristen Burghorn



Carnaby Club came alive with dancing, singing, and a little acting. Students auditioned on April 14-15 before judges **Dick Redman** and **Michelle Chaplin**, instrumental and vocal instructors. Jazz I played both nights in front of family, friends and peers with feature solos. Senior **Kellee Van Hemert** performed a 'melt-your-face' guitar solo while he strolled around the stage playing "Don't Get Sassy." **Van Hemert** said he enjoys playing the guitar because it gives him the freedom to create his own music. "(The best part about playing at Carnaby Club was that) I was able to play the song 'Rev. Jack' and walk all over the stage," said **Van Hemert**.



Sophomore **Rachael Lent** shows off her interpretive rendition of the song "Nothing Else Matters" during Saturday evening's performance. **Lent** has been dancing since she was in third grade. She said she most enjoys the freedom she feels when she dances. "When I dance, I feel free. I can dance with energy and with emotion," said **Lent**. Students in the shows were able to present to others, and in return, gain something from the audience and the experience. "I most enjoyed Carnaby Club because I gained a lot more experience from dancing in front of my peers," said **Lent**.



Senior **Alison Corbett** sings and dances with the show choir during their performance of "On Broadway." **Corbett** was active in show choir all four years of high school and most enjoyed the fact that students were given an opportunity to show their talents and that the whole school could get involved. For the seniors involved with Carnaby Club, it was bittersweet because this was their last time to participate. Making memories can be a part of the event, and for **Corbett**, hers came from 2002. "My best memory was during my sophomore year when, during the faculty act, **Dick Redman** and **Les Carter** sang 'The Hop,'" said **Corbett**.

❖ Performing at the Friday night show were seniors **Darvin Graham**, **Richard Spierenburg**, **Toney Chem** and **Andrew Lundgren**, junior **Kevin Graham** and sophomore **Izaak Roorda**. The performance started with the quartet acting as though they were in a barbershop. From there, they went on to sing "Runaround Sue." For senior **Darvin Graham**, the best part about this year was being able to be with his friends. "I really enjoyed being able to return my senior year dressed up in my dad's undersized farm clothes and getting to sing one last time with the boys," said **Graham**.



Meagan Dahlin

Paola Espinosa,
Megan McCombs

Kate Williamson

Marie Bruns

Jim Emmert

Toney Chem

R. Spierenburg,
M. McCombs



Kyrsten Klein



Janell Bollard, Sophie Linn



Paula Van Hal



David Trotter



Joy Scharff



It's Show Time!

For weeks prior to putting on Carnaby Club, those involved worked hard perfecting their acts. For sophomore **Cole Guillien**, the hardest part was trying to get organized.

"I played the piano for **Elisabeth (Kleven)**, and we had to practice a lot to get it down. We had to spend choir time working to finally get it down," said **Guillien**.

"I looked forward to playing (Jazz Band) but I was nervous be-

cause I was playing in front of my friends," said freshman **Kate Williamson**.

For choir director **Michelle Chaplin**, she enjoyed it all, especially one performance.

"Being able to work with the faculty members was a lot of fun," said **Chaplin**.

For senior **Savannah Veenstra**, this was her last Carnaby Club.

"Carnaby Club was a great way to showcase people's talents; overall, it went well," said **Veenstra**.

If You Were There You...

- Saw the show choir perform "Right Now" with and without strobe lights.
- Heard sophomore **Michelle Mitchell** make the popping sound for treble choir's "Lollipop" song.
- Saw **Ish** perform "Cat vs. Emo, the Kitty Always Wins."
- Watched seniors **Paola Espinosa** and **Megan McCombs** sing a heartwarming rendition of "Sisters."
- Saw art teacher **Jim Emmert** with fake teeth and a broom
- Laughed at **Darvin Graham's** "hick" accent. for "Runaround Sue."



P. Davidson D. Jacobson

Chris Childress

Elysia Purnell

Alli Linn

M.B. Jones, S. Veenstra,
B. Steenhoek, M. Davids

L. Van Dusseldorp



♦Sophomores **Megan Renaud** and **Angela McNaughton** break from working on the biology landscaping project in front of the high school. Students laid pebble ground cover and planted bushes and shrubs along the front of the high school.

♦**Austin Ewell**, junior, rides around on his friend's moped while waiting to play sand volleyball.

♦Junior **Austin Crase** enjoys the food while at the FFA picnic that opened the school year for the group. "This year our cookout gave us a great opportunity to get to know our new members and have a lot of fun together," said **Crase**, FFA president.

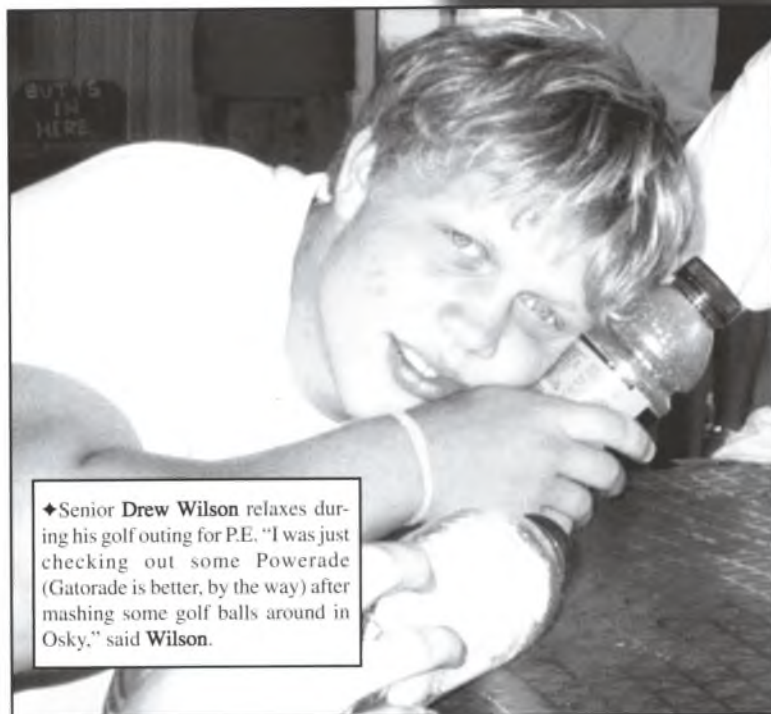
♦Seniors **Jasen Dahm** and **Michael Edwards** dissect a baby piglet during their anatomy class taught by Cathy Hones. "Mike and I sliced and diced our way to the center and found some good stuff. Dissecting the pig was a good time," said **Dahm**.



STUDIES ...

For many students, the main focus throughout the year was academics and clubs. Throughout the day, students had a choice of more than 140 classes. Balancing time between homework and fun depended on each individual. "I tried to balance my study habits so I had a decent amount of study time in a night. After I felt I had accomplished my scholastic goals, then came the fun," said junior **Austin Ewell**. Others felt that school and fun was a shared activity. "We were performing an experiment to study mass conservation. To prove the balloon was filled with hydrogen, which is highly flammable, we held it over a flame. I knew the balloon would blow up. I just wasn't expecting an inferno. It was a great experiment," said junior **April Stursma**, right. "The best part of school was having classes with my friends. I always had someone to talk to, so it made the day go by that much faster," said sophomore **Megan Renaud**.

•Hillary Van Horn



♦Senior **Drew Wilson** relaxes during his golf outing for P.E. "I was just checking out some Powerade (Gatorade is better, by the way) after mashing some golf balls around in Osky," said **Wilson**.

CLUB-ADEMICS

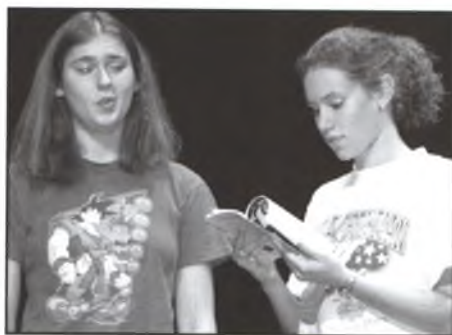
MAKIN' IT

Cast proves they can mimic high school life

HITS the STAGE

• Tiffanie Peterman

Seniors **Karen Williams** (Libby) and **Emma VanderWell**, the play's assistant director, rehearse **Williams'** part. "I was behind the scenes," said **VanderWell**. "I had to help people with their cues and when to go on stage. I also had to feed them lines if they ever forgot, but luckily, I never had to do that part!" "Play practice often focused on the social part and towards the end of practice, people began to realize that the play was days away," said **Williams**.



Senior **Richard Spierenburg** (Hunter Dunbar) played a teenager who didn't know why he was so mean. "There's a Hunter in every school. He didn't know why he was mean and he was just still trying to find his own sense of worth," **Spierenburg** said. **Spierenburg**, who thought that the play went well overall. He noted the crowd's reaction to his on-stage kiss with senior **Megan McCombs** (Brooke Benedict). "Most people just seemed to accept that it was part of the play and part of our roles as characters in the play," **Spierenburg** said.



❖Travis (senior **Dan George**) and Alex (sophomore **Thomas Salz**) hold back Scott Barrows (senior **Toney Chem**) for their friend Hunter Dunbar (senior **Richard Spierenburg**), to try to get a swing at **Chem** after **Chem** interfered with **Spierenburg** while trying to woo Brooke Benedict (senior **Megan McCombs**). **Salz** said that it was fun to be the bully and feel like he was better. "I got to stuff people into their lockers and it was a lot of fun getting to beat him (**Chem**) up," **Salz** said. **George**, who was the other member of **Spierenburg's** posse said, "I am but a small boy, so pushing kids around took some getting used to. I suppose it was a beneficial experience since, in real life, I couldn't be a bully even if I wanted to ... that is, unless I had some physically able cohorts as I did in the play."



CAST • cast • CAST • cast

Scott Barrows.....Toney Chem
Hunter Dunbar... Richard Spierenburg
Karl Swanson.....Joe Burch
Buzzard Fishbeck.....David Trotter
Vince Carnelli.....Chris Landon
Ed Barrows.....Brandon Boat
Howie.....Joe ErkenBrack
Travis.....Dan George
Alex.....Thomas Salz
Len.....Joseph Groenenboom
Brooke Benedict...Megan McCombs
Burnout.....Ashley Dorman
Libby.....Karen Williams
Jen.....Alexis Baugh
Pat.....Paola Epinosa
Barb.....Janell Bolland

Sharon.....Naiña Barnett
Monica.....Sophia Linn
Corley Barrows.....Amanda Wills
Bev Barrows.....Savannah Veenstra
Sybil Dunbar.....Kate Collins
Mrs. Cozlowe...Natasha Vander Weide
Ms. Healy.....Sara Collins
Announcement Voice...Andrea Shrout
Students: Ben Macintosh, Shrout, Kate Collins, Andy Versluys, Jackie Moore, Katie Ozinga, Lisa Jaarsma, Michelle Mitchell, Lauren Oscarson, Danielle Jacobson, Stephanie Mukai
Asst. Director.....Emma VanderWell
Director.....Steven Woolery



D. George, T. Salz, T. Chem

Janell Bolland

J. Bolland, M. Mc Combs, N. Barnett

D. Trotter A. Shrout, J. Bolland K. Williams, J. Burch, J. Bolland



Joe Burch, Dan George, Richard Spierenburg



Richard Spierenburg, Megan McCombs



Joe ErkenBrack



David Trotter



Naiña Barnett, Janell Bollard



Weird, gross, desperate ... these three words greeted play-goers as they viewed the Oct. 31, Nov. 1 all-school play "Makin' It."

Directed by 15-year veteran **Steven Woolery**, the play was all about high school, and, according to Woolery, "... portrayed high school life 80-90% accurately."

Senior **Toney Chem** played Scott Barrows, a teen without a social life who got picked on at school.

"This year was a lot different than last year because I actually played someone my age. It was not much of a challenging character to play," said **Chem**.

In his first acting performance, senior **Joe Burch** took the role of Karl Swanson, a young man searching for his identity.

"It was very fulfilling. I met a bunch of new people, and the experience helped me get over my stage fright," said **Burch**.

Play veteran **Karen Williams**, senior, played Libby, the girl who was 'different' from the others. She said she was disappointed with the cast members' preparation prior to the performances, including her own.

"Lines were not all memorized, and cues were continuously missed, but every play practice did help us be more comfortable," said **Williams**.

Woolery said, however, that everything came together in the end.

"I thought all performed well above any expectations. I felt the public performances were a success," he said.

If You Were There You...

- Saw senior **Joe Burch** act in his first all school play
- Heard senior **Richard Spierenburg**'s opening song, written especially for the event
- Laughed at senior **Paola Espinosa** and sophomore **Janell Bollard** acting drunk
- Thought about senior **Megan McCombs**' speech and how 17 lies
- Laughed when senior Dan George got to be the bully
- Saw **Joe ErkenBrack** get stuffed into a locker
- Saw senior **Richard Spierenburg** kiss senior **Megan Mc Combs**



S. Linn, A. Baugh

M. Mc Combs

N. Vander Weide, S. Collins

J. ErkenBrack

Cast

T. Chem, T. Salz, R. Spierenburg

Pain and Gain

Marching Dutch add to victories

• Lauren Oscarson



Freshman
Mary Fox

Junior **Megan Renaud** was a rifle in colorguard. "The most memorable part of band was at our last competition. We all had our best performance, and at the end of our show, we got a standing ovation," said **Renaud**.



Junior
Megan Renaud

Sophomore **Jon De Haan** had to help out as a section leader. "There was only one senior and two juniors this year. Over half of the saxophones were freshmen, so I had to help a lot of the freshmen stay in line," said **De Haan**.



Sophomore
Jon DeHaan



Senior
Emily Goodyk

Senior **Emily Goodyk** was a colorguard captain. "I loved being a captain, but being tough was the hardest. Discipline is necessary, but I hate being the bad guy," said **Goodyk**.



Anyone in band could tell you, it's not always as easy as it looks.

"The show was a lot harder than last year, and the freshmen were hard to teach," said sophomore **Tiffany Alft**.

Getting up early each day, being at school 45 minutes earlier than everyone else, wasn't always fun either, but it did pay off in the end with top ratings in four competitions.

This year's theme was based on music by Aaron Copeland.

"The songs were harder to memorize and took a little longer to get the hang of them than last year, but it all worked out in the end," said sophomore **Samantha Van Haaften**.

The music and choreography put into it turned out to be a very good show.

"Copeland's music seems to fit our band well. It was tough, but the kids did a pretty good job with it," said Band Director **Guy Blair**.

The first couple times we marched, they were quite uncomfortable, yet after awhile, they became quite cozy, except the constant wedgie.

-Sophomore Phil Davidson
(regarding band uniforms)



1. Freshman **Madison Guereña**, freshman **Nicole Ellingson** and sophomore **Jessica Rietveld** practice at one of the early morning band sessions.

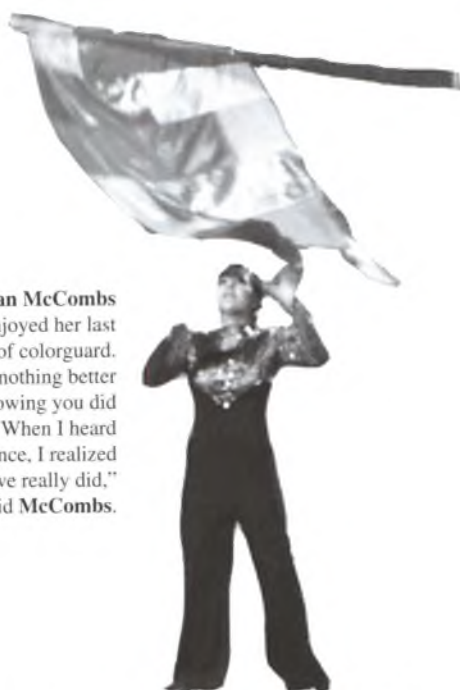
"The upperclassmen were so much help. They understood how scared and nervous we were, and they were fun to hang around with. We learned a lot from them besides just marching in step, like going to the bathroom before a competition!" said freshman **Kelsey Manecke**.

2. Junior **Erika Engelbrecht** presents the colorguard routine during a home game performance.

*Sophomore **Rachael Lent** was in her first year of colorguard. "We lost a lot of members in band this year, but I think it was better. The drills are a lot harder for colorguard, but I think we did well at competitions."*

3. Senior **Jon Vermeer** didn't have too much difficulty as a section leader. "Being a section leader ruled! I didn't have to do much cause I was 'The Boss.' I will miss yelling at the freshmen, making kids do push-ups and making fun of Mr. Blair when his voice cracks," said **Vermeer**.

Senior **Megan McCombs** said she enjoyed her last year of colorguard. "There was nothing better than knowing you did your best. When I heard the audience, I realized how great we really did," said **McCombs**.



Playing to Win

Marching Dutch capture awards

It was a good season overall as the band placed first in Class 3A and first overall at Davis County, earning Top Drumline and Drum Majors in Class 3A and overall. The Marching Dutch also earned its 28th consecutive Division I rating at the State Marching Band Contest, Oskaloosa.

At Valleyfest, the Waseca, Minn., band came in first overall, just ahead of the Marching Dutch in second. The Dutch also ended up second at the Mid-Iowa Band Competitions, losing to Orange City by 1.7 points; however, they did receive Top Colorguard for Class 3A.

"I think we had a tough show; we put a lot of effort into it, and it came together perfectly for the Ankeny show," said junior **Kyle Oppenhuizen**.



✓Frontline and drumline practice "The Promise of Living" and the introduction to "Simple Gifts" during an early morning rehearsal. The formation had the drumline move up to coordinate with the xylophone and bells. "It was nice to be able to take a break from wearing my drums, especially during practice," said sophomore **Gabe Spencer**, a member of the frontline.

✓Freshman **Mary Fox** found her first year of marching band to be very exciting. "I had fun on the bus with all my friends. It was great to be able to be with friends while waiting for the judges to announce awards. That was fun, too," said **Fox**.

✓Sophomore **Janell Bollard** ended up as a section leader for frontline percussion. "The most difficult thing was probably being section leader. I hated being the 'bad' one and making everyone practice. I also had to make sure practices were productive," said **Bollard**.

✓Junior **Adam Zemanek** is already looking forward to next year's marching band season. "We need better music, better show, better performance. We really need to pull something off to beat Orange City next year," said **Zemanek**.

Talent Show

Artists, musicians create, perform

• Lindsey Jansen



Chorus All-Stater **Darwin Graham**, senior

BACKGROUND: "When I was in middle school, I was in Opus Honor Choir, an all-state for little kids. I have tried out for all-state the past two years. I practiced

with groups four times a day for about an hour."

REACTION: "When I found out, I just jumped up and hugged my girlfriend and swung her around."



Chorus All-Stater **Megan Mc Combs**, senior

BACKGROUND: "I started practicing in late July and auditioned in October. It's a big honor and something I wanted

to accomplish. I auditioned for three years and made it my third year. I really

was determined to make it."

REACTION: "I started crying when I found out because it's such a big honor. I knew my work really paid off."



Band All-Stater **Jessie Wilson**, clarinet, senior

BACKGROUND: "I practiced quite a bit from the middle of August through October. I tried out the year before but didn't make it. It was a good experience, and I met a lot of

people."

REACTION: "When I found out, I was really surprised and excited because my efforts had paid off."



Orchestra All-Stater **Lindsay Blair**, French horn, junior

BACKGROUND: "In order to make All-State, I had to audition at district level and be selected. I spent about 30-40 minutes a day practicing for All-State. I wanted to be

selected because it's a fun weekend, and it's an honor."

REACTION: "I was really excited when I found out."



Band All-Stater **Isaac Roorda**, tuba, sophomore

BACKGROUND: "I tried out for All-State because I wanted to experience a musical challenge. It was really exhilarating, but I was glad when the audition and all the

preparation was over."

REACTION: "I was kind of in shock when I found out I made All-State."



•Senior **Ashley Nicklas** works on her popcorn drawing in Drawing 2 on the new tables and chairs. "The tables are easier to draw with because you can lift them up," said Nicklas.

"Mini Makeover"

Art receives new equipment

Tables and stools. Drawing textbooks. Projector. Kiln. Potter's wheel. It was make-over time for the art department as they received all sorts of new equipment. The high school parent teacher organization even donated a mat cutter and shrink wrap, which protects drawings.

"The drawing ability of the old tables wasn't really that bad, but when they added the stools, it put you in a different position, so it was easier to work. The new tables are a lot cleaner, smoother, and just easier to draw on," said sophomore **Morgan Mock**.

Junior **Megan Bender** said the projector was a good addition.

"It helped us understand terms for ceramic tools with pictures for our quizzes," said **Bender**.

Instructor **Julie Stratton** is grateful for the donations made by the P.T.O. and the administration.

"P.T.O. continued their financial support which allowed us to add to our equipment, and the administration was especially supportive in our needs for updating the furniture and our presentation equipment," said **Stratton**.

Stratton and the counselors noticed an increase in students wanting to take a visual arts class.

"I am really excited about our growth here in the department. We had so many students that wanted to be involved this year, but unfortunately, scheduling was a problem," said **Stratton**.



1. Sophomore **Kyrsten Klein** sings "I Will Survive" with her friends at Cabaret. "It was a lot of fun because we got to act out the attitude of the song. I enjoyed Cabaret. I'll definitely take part in Cabaret next year. It was worth the hard work," said **Klein**.

2. Senior **Toney Chem** and sophomore **Elysia Purnell** sing and dance to **Chem's** song "Be With Me" during Cabaret. "Sometimes the girls got frustrated with me, but we worked hard and wanted it to look good. I thought the performance was good, and we had fun," said **Chem**.

3. Junior **Alli Linn** sings "When You Believe" from "The Prince of Egypt", along with one of her best friends, junior **Danielle Jacobson**. "I had a lot of fun at Cabaret. It was really fun to hear all the different groups, and it was especially fun to sing a duet with my best friend," said **Linn**.

It's a Fact

- 80 participants presented 35 songs to 600 attendees
- 2 days of set-up in the aftermath of the Feb. 5 snow
 - 4 months preparation
 - 24 sets of lights, 5 microphones used
- 38 local business sponsors donated money, food, plants, other items



•Freshman **Liz Bandstra**, junior **Elisabeth Kleven** and freshman **Alison Muller** sing "On My Own" at Cabaret. "I enjoyed being able to interact with our community and other peers. I'm excited for next year because more people will know about Cabaret, and hopefully, we will get a better crowd," said **Muller**.

In Unison

Groups unite to present Cabaret

In what the chorus department hopes will become an annual affair, Cabaret debuted Feb. 7. It raised \$2,500 for the department and was hosted by seniors **Megan McCombs**, **Richard Spierenburg**, **Paola Espinosa**, and **Toney Chem**. Cabaret included a decor featuring twinkling lights and candles. The \$6 admission included salad, spaghetti, breadsticks and pie.

"I thought it was a big success. They had a very nice turn-out, and the food was good. I thought it was a very good idea to have a dinner theater. Who doesn't love food and entertainment?" said junior **April Stursma**, who attended Cabaret.



Senior **Richard Spierenburg's** CD "What Has Remained" debuted in February, selling for \$5.

What was the best part in making your CD? What was the worst part?

"The best part was creating music with all my really good friends. The worst part was just waiting for the final completed project to arrive."

When did you realize that you wanted to make a CD?

"When I was at camp this summer, all my free time was spent playing the piano. I had a lot of inspiration from the people I met there, and the songs just wrote themselves."

Why did you involve the Pella High choir?

"In 'Bittersweet Lullabye,' I knew featuring the choir would be perfect. I just wanted a really huge sound."

What do you think your future looks like?

"My main goal in life is to just be in front of people, performing, and sharing my music with the world."

Groups make music

J a z z | J a z z II

•Anna Rietveld

AMONG the BEST

*Jazz I finishes
third in state competition*

Jazz I competed at the Iowa Jazz Championships April 6 in Des Moines and took third place among the 15 jazz bands in Class 3A. Four members were named outstanding soloists: seniors **Kellee Van Hemert**, **Lindsay Graham** and **Ryan Boswell**, and junior **Lindsay Blair**.

"I thought they played very well, and I was very impressed with the band's desire that day. The students were very excited to play; they had a lot of motivation. I was very pleased to see their excitement," said Director **Dick Redman**.

The band took first at the district festival in December to qualify for the championships. They also were first at the Hoover Jazz Festival in March.

Redman felt the band made steady progress through the year.

"We played different music throughout the year, and there was improvement," said **Redman**.

The OLYMPICS

*57 rate "I's"
at Perry Band Olympics*

Fifty-seven Division "I" scores were earned by band students at the Perry Band Olympics Feb. 21. Twenty students were placed as top five musicians for their classifications. Freshmen **Kate Williamson** (tenor saxophone), **Gracie Eggland** (oboe), **Wilson Roorda** (French horn), **Christopher Kleven** (trombone) and sophomore **Cole Gullien** (cello) all received first place for their solos in the junior division.

Junior **Lindsay Blair** (French horn) was first in the senior division, along with the symphony woodwinds (**Eggland**, **Katie Fetterman**, **Emily Wineland**, **Alex Meyer**, **Williamson**, **Erika TerLouw**, **Pady Fontana**, **Corey Oliver**, **Meagan Dahlin**, **Gullien**, **Elisabeth Kleven**, **Alison Mason**, **Takara Hrdlicka** and **Megan Pothoven**, **Jessie Wilson**, **Toney Chem**, **Kelly Eysink**, **Lindsay Graham** and **Emily Goodyk**).

TWO SHOWS

*Jazz II performs
at Central, Hoover*

Jazz II performed at two competitions: the Central College Jazz Festival and the Hoover High Jazz Festival. At Hoover, they placed third in their class. Eight outstanding solo awards were won by six members, with freshmen **Kate Williamson** and junior **Alli Linn** receiving two.

Jazz II practiced twice a week, beginning in November and ending after Carnaby Club.

"My favorite part was the competitions. It was fun to hang out with my friends who were in jazz band," said freshman **Lindley Roorda**.

CONCERT TIME

Senior **Nichole Verhey** and sophomore **Hillary Renaud** play in the second clarinet section of the symphony band's performance at the music department's spring concert held April 22. "Symphony band was really fun this year because the second clarinets and I just had fun together no matter how much we got yelled at throughout the year," said **Verhey**.



Van Hemert named outstanding soloist



Senior
Kellee Van Hemert

Senior **Kellee Van Hemert** received an outstanding soloist award - one of only eight given - at the Iowa Jazz Championships. **Van Hemert** received four outstanding soloist awards at the various jazz competitions Jazz I attended this year.

Van Hemert was also involved in a variety of acts in the

Carnaby Club. Performances included Jazz I, ISH, and Cantus Firmus featuring RMS.

"My biggest influence has been all the concerts that my dad has taken me to ever since I was a little kid. The best and most inspiring have been the all the Bleach concerts. They're the best," said **Van Hemert**.

After high school, **Van Hemert** plans to attend Central College to major in business while taking music classes and lessons.

Jazzing up the stage with solos all his own, senior **Ryan Boswell** unleashes his jazz side as Jazz I takes the stage for Carnaby Club. The set was composed of songs ranging from "Happy Go Lucky" to "Rev. Jack." Director **Dick Redman** said he enjoyed working with the jazz band. The high point was "... the band's attitude and excitement at the state competition (held in April in Des Moines)," said **Redman**.

KEEP the BEAT

Tapping out rhythms on the congos and laying down the beat on the trap set is sophomore **Kerry Van Hemert** during Jazz II's Carnaby Club gig. "We did well in our competitions. It was a good learning experience for all of us. I think I'll try out for Jazz I and hopefully make it. If I don't, then it'll just give me more to work towards," said **Van Hemert**. Jazz II performed during both Carnaby Club performances.



Jazz I



Senior **Alison Corbett** plays her trumpet during one of the many early morning Jazz I practices. The band competed in multiple contests. "I had a lot of fun being in Jazz I because **DR (Dick Redman)** was a lot of fun to work with, and it was a good way to learn a new genre of music," said **Corbett**.

JAZZ I. Director Dick Redman. Lindsay Blair, Ryan Boswell, Josiah Carter, Alison Corbett, Alex Current, Meagan Dahlin, Jasen Dahm, Phil Davidson, Emily Goodyk, Lindsay Graham, Isaac Holt, Danielle Jacobson, Brett Newendorp, Brett Nikkel, Isaac Roorda, Kellee Van Hemert, David Vos.

Jazz II



Kate Williamson
Carnaby Club

JAZZ II. Director Steve McCombs. Tiffany Alft, Tim Bogaards, Chris Childress, Danielle De Haan, Dustin De Haan, Liz DePenning, Katie Fetterman, Takara Hrdlicka, Alli Linn, Andy Lungren, Chloe Mathonnet-VanderWell, Lauren Mason, Andrew Oakland, Corey Oliver, Kyle Oppenhuizen, Greg Reuter, Lindley Roorda, Wilson Roorda, Bryce Steenhoek, Sarah Van Elsen, Paula Van Hal, Kerry Van Hemert, Brandon Vander Leest, Savannah Veenstra, Tressa Versteeg, Kate Williamson.

Symphonic Band

SYMPHONIC. Director Guy Blair. Alexis Baugh, Lindsay Blair, Josh Bogaard, Tim Bogaards, Ryan Boswell, Joel Bouwers, Josiah Carter, Toney Chem, Alison Corbett, Alex Current, Meagan Dahlin, Jasen Dahm, Dustin De Haan, Kelsey Den Adel, Katelyn Dingeman, Kyle Eastwood, Jon Erickson, Paola Espinosa, Kelly Eysink, Pady Fontana, Dan George, Emily Goodyk, Cole Guillian, Jeremy Hanson, Isaac Holt, Takara Hrdlicka, Danielle Jacobson, Krysten Klein, Elisabeth Kleven, Michael Langenfeld, Rachael Lent, Alli Linn, Sophia Linn, Andrew Lundgren, Alison Mason, Megan McCombs, Brett Newendorp, Brett Nikkel, Andrew Oakland, Corey Oliver, Kyle Oppenhuizen, Stephanie Pearson, Brianna Pfadenhauer, Anne Pitkin, Megan Pothoven, Hillary Renaud, Megan Renaud, Greg Reuter, Jessica Rietveld, Isaac Roorda, Liesel Schroder, Trent Sikkema, Richard Spierenburg, Becky Steenhoek, Bryce Steenhoek, Kendra Strobel, April Stursma, Jon Tangen, Erika Ter Louw, Matt Terlouw, Kellee Van Hemert, Kerry Van Hemert, Nathan Van Kampen, Jill Van Vark, Lindsey Vander Wert, Jacob Vaverka, Savannah Veenstra, Nicole Verhey, Jon Vermeer, David Vos, Jessie Wilson.

Concert Band

CONCERT. Director Dick Redman. Tiffany Alft, Bjorn Bagnall, Liz Bandstra, Trey Behning, Caitlin Bettger, Philip Beyer, Michele Bills, Brenna Boat, Heather Borgman, Colin Boswell, Tarin Bradley, John Bramlett, Nick Corbin, Monica Davids, Phil Davidson, Danielle De Haan, Jon De Haan, Nathan De Heer, Kayla De Jong, Liz DePenning, Jason Dole, Andrew Doyle, Gracie Eggland, Nicole Ellington, Natalie Elzinga, Allie Engelbrecht, Erika Engelbrecht, Nathan Farmer, Katie Fetterman, Mary Fox, Anton Fuller, Quincy Garner, Tiffany Goldman, Derek Groenendyk, Maddison Guerne, Nikki Hawkins, Michelle Hiemstra, Michael Holthaus, Kayli Hrdlicka, Samantha Hunt, Yu Yang Jin, Tiffany Kelderhouse-Tucker, Asheley Kephart, Kristine Kermode, Jason Kingma, Christopher Kleven, Greg Langenfeld, Jaci Linn, Chris Lyng, Kelsey Manecke, Lauren Mason, Jay Mathes, Chole Mathonnet-VanderWell, Margaret McCann, Alex Meyer, Paul Michaels, Alison Muller, Jason Nunnikhoven, Lauren Oscarson, Tiffanie Peterman, Ryan Pfadenhauer, Drew Randol, Michelle Renaud, Lindley Roorda, Wilson Roorda, Derek Schipull, Dan Schroder, Gabe Spencer, Sara Steenhoek, Suzie Steenhoek, Jaci Terlouw, Sarah Thomas, Kirsten Van Dusseldorp, Laurel Van Dusseldorp, Sarah Van Elsen, Paula Van Hal, Alayna Van Hall, Brady Van Vark, Justin Van Zante, Brandon Vander Leest, Amanda Veenstra, Andy Versluys, Tressa Versteeg, Emma Vollmar, Shawn Wiley, Ashley Williamsen, Kate Williamson, Emily Wineland, Adam Zemanek.

Chorus Groups make music Orchestra

•Heather Ros

KEEPING BUSY

*From concerts to competitions,
choir finishes hectic year*

Show Choir began its season with a new name - AcaPella - and a new director - Michelle Chaplin. Show choir was involved with the first-ever Cabaret. Additionally, for the first time, they competed in districts at Benton High School.

Choir attended the Perry Vocal Contest where the chamber choir received a "I" rating. The mixed ensemble (seniors **Sophie Linn**, **Paola Espinosa** and **Richard Spierenburg**, juniors **Michelle Holthaus**, and **Kevin Graham** and sophomores **Elysia Purnell**, and **Isaac Roorda**) earned a "I" rating while seniors **Darvin Graham** and **David Trotter's** duet and freshmen **Mallory Rykhoek** and **Joy Scharff's** duet also took top honors.

Seven soloists also placed in the competition. Winners were junior **Holthaus**, first, senior **Megan McCombs** second, sophomore **Jackie Moore**, juniors **Roorda** and **Elisabeth Kleven** and senior

Spierenburg, third, and senior **Linn**, fourth.

Madrigals performed at several places. In November, they sang at the Festivals of Trees at the Opera House in Pella and also at a meeting of the Rotary Club. In December, they sang at the Tour of Homes in Pella and then took a trip to the Mall of America in Minneapolis.

"I enjoyed our trip to Minneapolis. I did a lot of shopping. I connected well with the group, especially Becky Steenhoek, and we had fun. I also got to meet Mrs. Chaplin's family, and that was a lot of fun to hang around with them. However, the drive was long, and we became really stiff," said **Holthaus**.

"I thought Cabaret was a great idea. Our concerts let us show our talent and ability to the community and parents," said **Kleven**.

Chorus members ended the year with Carnaby Club performances.

SAYING GOODBYE

*Eekhoff leaves position
after four years*

Orchestra Director Charlee Eekhoff will end her four-year tenure as orchestra director at the end of the school year. Eekhoff will become a stay-at-home mom with her first child due in the summer.

Eekhoff has been orchestra director since 2001, heading programs throughout the district.

"We are all so excited for her addition to her family, but we're all going to miss her since she was a great asset to the orchestra. We learned a lot and had a great time working with her," said junior **Brianna Garrard**.

ENTERTAINMENT

Senior **Toney Chem**, **David Trotter**, **Richard Spierenburg** and freshman **Alex Gosselink** sing during the April 22 vocal concert. "Singing is my life. It's a way to express my feelings," said **Spierenburg**. **Spierenburg**, who hopes to pursue singing in New York City while attending New York University, released a CD RIMS last fall(2003). It was sold to students, faculty and staff for \$5.



Show Choir claims third place at Benton



Michelle Chaplin
Vocal Teacher

AcaPella show choir returned from the Feb. 14 show choir invitational at Benton High School with the third place trophy. Senior **Toney Chem** was named "Best Performer."

"We were the only show choir at Benton as a first time competitor. To receive third is a real

honor," said Director **Michelle Chaplin**.

"I was surprised and excited to receive the award," said **Chem**.

At Benton, **Chaplin** danced to "YMCA" with the crowd.

"Between performances they played music. We all were dancing," said **Chaplin**.

Sophomore **Janell Bollard** holds her candle while singing "Silent Night" during the Dec. 16 performance by the Madrigals. The group entered the auditorium, holding the candles and singing the song. "I feel like I have grown as a singer by being in choir and getting to experience new things," said **Bollard**. She said the best thing about Madrigals was performing in front of people.

Senior **Tanna Vanden Berg** plays her violin at the Feb. 12 orchestra concert directed by **Charlee Eekhoff**. "It's always nice getting to see people's faces after you've worked so hard on your performance. The responses are my favorite. The only bad thing is taking so long to learn a new piece and perfect it," said **Vanden Berg**. **VandenBerg** has been playing the violin since fifth grade.



Show Choir



Seniors **Megan McCombs** and **Richard Spierenburg** sing a duet during the Feb. 25 choir concert. "I love singing with Rick. We have a special bond and both love music more than words. I will never forget the special times we have shared," said **McCombs**.

SHOW CHOIR. Megan McCombs, Alison Corbett, MaryBeth Jones, Janell Bollard, Michelle Holthaus, Hillary Renaud, Natasha Vander Weide, Becky Steenhoek, Lacy May, Sara Collins, sopranos; Danielle Jacobson, Paola Espinosa, Kyrsten Klein, Marie Bruns, Sophie Linn, Liesel Schroder, Joy Scharff, Alli Linn, Alison Muller, Liz Bandstra, altos; Richard Spierenburg, Toney Chem, Thomas Salz, David Trotter, Jeremiah Landon, tenors; Darvin Graham, Michael Van Dusseldorp, Andy Lundgren, Adam Toom, bass; Katie Fetterman, Isaac Holt, Ryan Boswell, Chris Childress, Phil Davidson, Dan George, combo; Nikki Hawkins, Maddison Guerena, Monica Davids, Narissa Vander Weide, stage crew; Michelle Chaplin, director; Amber Van Dam, choreographer.

Select Choir

SELECT CHOIR. Brittney Anderson, Elizabeth Bandstra, Walker Bell, Michelle Bills, Christ Boat, Tim Bogaards, Janell Bollard, Marie Bruns, Jeni Cervellera, Toney Chem, Katharine Collins, Sara Collins, Alison Corbett, Monica Davids, Amy De Zwarte, Paola Espinosa, Nathan Farmer, Katie Fetterman, Chris Forbush, Tiffany Goldman, Jennifer Gosnell, Alex Gosselink, Darvin Graham, Kevin Graham, Cole Guillien, Maddison Guerena, Nicole Hawkins, Michelle Holthaus, Danielle Jacobson, MaryBeth Jones, Matt Kelly, Krysten Klein, Elisabeth Kleven, Chris Kleven, Casey Kloosterman, Jeremiah Landon, Lyndsey Lanser, Reid Lanser, Alli Linn, Sophie Linn, Heidi Lockridge, Andrew Lundgren, Kevin Mason, Lacy May, Megan McCombs, Ben McIntosh, Jackie Moore, Stephanie Mukai, Alison Mueller, Ashley Orr, Elysia Purnell, Hillary Renaud, Isaac Roorda, Mallory Rykhoek, Thomas Salz, Joy Scharff, Liesel Schroder, Kayla Simpson, Richard Spierenburg, Becky Steenhoek, Adam Toom, David Trotter, Michael James Van Dusseldorp, Sarah Vanden Berg, Narissa Vander Weide, Natasha Vander Weide, Savannah Veenstra, Corissa Williams, Amanda Wills, Heidi Wouterse.

Orchestra

Junior **Alli Linn** plays her cello during the April 22 orchestra concert. "I've played the cello since fifth grade. I enjoy playing in front of people. I feel really proud when I work really hard on our music pieces and then perform really well," said **Linn**.



ORCHESTRA. Tiffany Alft, Alexis Baugh, Michael Comstock, Chelsey Dahm, Ashley De Witt, Rebekah Fernandez, Brianna Garrard, Maddison Guerena, Cole Guillien, Michelle Holthaus, Andrew Knight, Alli Linn, Shelly Nunnikhoven, Sara Phillips, Elysia Purnell, Chris Rempe, Amy Ryerson, Katie Sadler, Emily Scheckel, Tanna Van Den Berg, Laurel Van Dusseldorp, Savannah Veenstra, Amanda Wills, Candace Zwank.

Students perform, serve

Thespians / Speech

• Asheley Kephart

HELPING OUT

*NHS members
give their time*

Being a member of National Honor Society meant more than just achieving the required 3.6 GPA. It also meant that members gave back to help out the community.

The 105 members donated their time to help elementary students at the Read a Million Minutes Carnival in March. They also sold daffodils to raise money for the American Cancer Society, raising \$1,700 by selling 250 bunches.

"It was really rewarding to see all of my hard work (academically) be recognized," said sophomore **Lyndsay Lanser**, an inductee of the group at their Feb. 26 ceremony. Social studies teacher **Mark Core** spoke at the event.

Members also donated time to help with a spring field day for elementary students. Additionally, they helped with Literacy Army, a project designed to assist elementary students with reading.

CONTEST SUCCESS

*8 earn "I" ratings
in state speech contests*

With contests ranging from poetry reading to musical theatre to improvisation, speech students were competitors at both large group and individual speech competitions in February and March.

Senior **David Trotter** was a participant in both contests. He received a "I" rating in poetry reading in individual contest and a top rating as part of an ensemble acting group at large group.

"I've always enjoyed performing for audiences, so speech allowed me to do that. The best part of going to speech contest was that it gave me a chance to watch lots of strange people doing strange things," said **Trotter**.

Eight students/groups received "I" ratings in state speech activities. Coach **Steven Woolery** said he was pleased with the results.

"I thought the students represented Pella well in both large group and individual events," said **Woolery**.

HONORING THE BEST

*Thespians initiate
13 members*

Participating in the all-school play "Makin' It" and in speech contests were Thespian activities. Additionally, Thespians held its yearly induction April 21.

Sophomore **Ashley Dorman** performed in plays and musicals during her extra time.

"It was fun to be a Thespian because you get to be a part of all the drama activities. I also liked doing the fundraisers. I liked the banquet, when everyone got inducted, and we get to eat a whole lot of food," said **Dorman**. **Dorman** was one of 13 inducted.

A HELPING HAND

Junior **Derek Groenendyk** helps an elementary student while working at the Read a Million Minutes Carnival for the elementary kids. **Groenendyk** worked as a part of the National Honor Society. "I liked seeing all of the kids with their parents, watching them play the games and watching their reaction when they won a prize," said **Groenendyk**. The carnival was held at the high school in March.



Students earn All-State speech recognition



Senior **Toney Chem**
performs in the play "Makin' It"

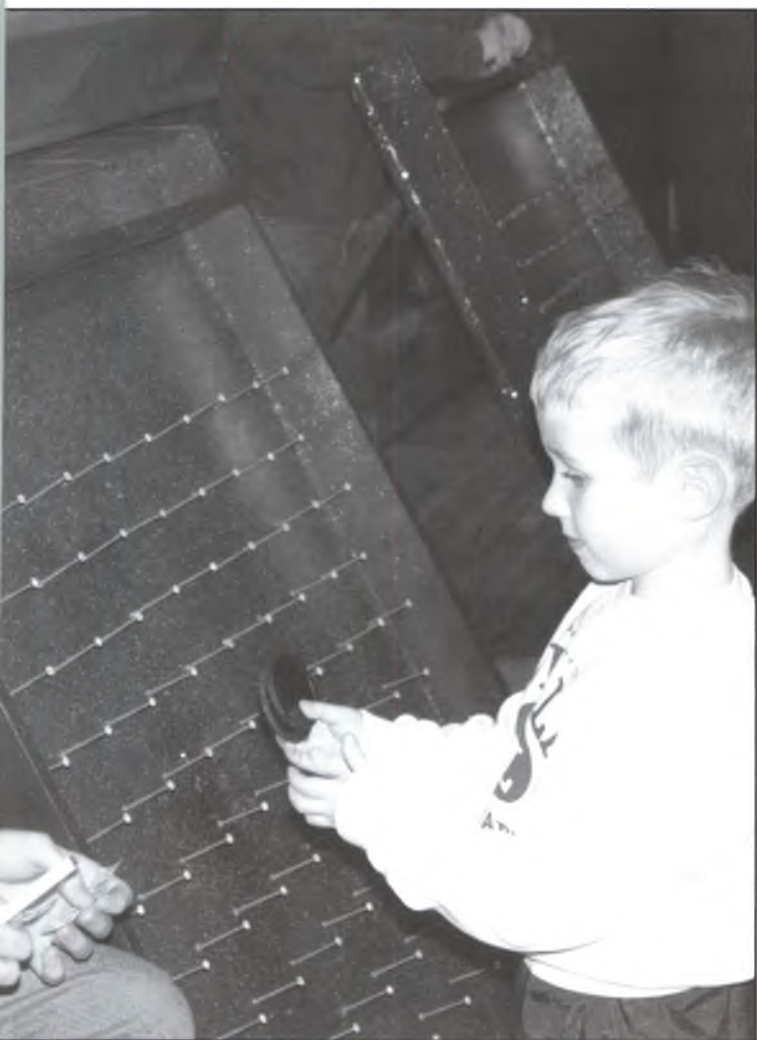
As a result of their "I" ratings in the musical theater category at the district and state speech contests, seniors **Richard Spierenburg** and **Toney Chem** earned All-State speech recognition.

Spierenburg was initiated at the end of his junior year.

"I think it's really cool to be a Thespian member. We were all a part of a nationwide association dedicated to the art of performance. Being a Thespian member is a really big honor and shows commitment in the professional world," said **Spierenburg**.

Sophomore **Sara Collins** waits patiently for the school play "Makin' It" to begin in November. **Collins** was a first year Thespian. "I loved going to speech practice and getting to hang out with the other Thespians. I also liked meeting people from different schools," said **Collins**. She added, "I liked being able to improve my acting and learn from other people in the group when I was at practice."

Senior **Tyler Boeyink** and his peers use their skills in the speech contest at PCM in February. "I liked speech competitions and seeing all the weird people who went to the competitions. I don't see much help in the future coming from speech, but it was a good way to spend my extra time," said **Boeyink**. He added, "I also enjoyed the camaraderie of my fellow 'Bread' actors."



National Honor Society



Senior **Jasen Dahm** watches an elementary student playing a game at the Read a Million Minutes Carnival. **Dahm** volunteered, along with many other National Honor Society members. "It's a nice thing to have on a college application, and we don't have to do a whole lot. I had a great time playing the games with the kids and helping out," said **Dahm**.

NHS. President Louis Vander Streek, Vice President Alison Corbett, Secretary Lindsay Graham, Treasurer Matt Schnell, Sarah Van Wyk, Jenny Veenstra, Joe ErkenBrack, Tiffany Alft, Caitlin Bettger, Brenna Boat, Janell Bollard, Joel Bouwers, Rebecca Burch, Kristen Burghorn, Meagan Dahlin, Chelsey Dahm, Kelsey Den Adel, Jason Dole, Ashley Dorman, Jennifer Gosnell, Kyrsten Klein, Lyndsey Lanser, Amy Martens, Beatriz Mate-Kodjo, Mitch McFarland, Ashley Meirick, Morgan Mock, Brett Newendorp, A.J. Nunnikhoven, Corey Oliver, Briana Pfadenhauer, Sara Phillips, Anne Pitkin, Natalia Plahotnaya, Kathleen Sadler, Sierra Smith, Erika Ter Louw, Jessica Terlouw, Laurel Van Dusseldorp, Kerry Van Hemert, Narissa Vander Weide, Joel Weiler, Lindsay Blair, Travis Bogaard, Curtis Brobst, Marie Bruns, Josiah Carter, Derek Forsythe, Derek Groenendyk, Zachary Hogan, Takara Hrdlicka, Danielle Jacobson, Yupeng Jin, Daniel Johnson, Andrew Knight, Joseph Landenfelf, Sara Langham, Alexandra Linn, Danielle Newendorp, Brett Nikkel, Andrew Oakland, Bruno Orticeili, Sara Steenhoek, Sarah Stuckey, April Stursma, Ryan Van Roekel, Jill Van Vark, Jordan Williams, Amanda Wills, Rachel Barns, Emily Bensink, Lauren Birkel, Ryan Boswell, Amber Breuklander, Chris Buitenwerf, Tony Chem, Jasen Dahm, Danielle Descoteau, Jon Erickson, Casey Flanagan, Courtney Fleenor, Dan George, Maria Goodman, Matt Goodyk, Joseph Groenenboom, Isaac Holt, Kelly Hudson, Bryan Janssen, Michael Langenfeld, Angela LoThi, Andrew Lundgren, Megan McCombs, Brian Melhus, Whitney Metcalf, Matthew Schnaff, Todd Schuring, Josh Smith, Matthew Snyder, Tara Sorensen, Becky Steenhoek, Seamus Turnbull, Kellee Van Hemert, Nathan Van Kampen, Lyndsay Van Maaren, Lara Van Wyk, Emma Vander Well.

Thespians/Speech Contest

Junior **Joe ErkenBrack** performs in the school play "Makin' It" in November. **ErkenBrack**, was a second year Thespian member, "Being a Thespian allows me to express myself through the characters I play. Even though every character I play is different, there is a little bit of me in each one. The best memory I had was keeping everyone loose during performances," said **ErkenBrack**.



THESPIANS/SPEECH, DRAMA ACTIVITIES. Naina Barnett, Alexis Baugh, Brandon Boat, Tyler Boeyink, Janell Bollard*, Joe Burch*, Toney Chem, Katie Collins, Sara Collins, Ashley Dorman, Joe ErkenBrack, Paola Espinosa*, Dan George, Eric Gosselink*, Darvin Graham, Joseph Groenenboom, Jeremy Hanson, Kris Hanthorn*, Lisa Jaarsma, Danielle Jacobson*, Elizabeth Kleven, Chris Landon*, Sophie Linn*, Megan McCombs*, Ben McIntosh*, Michelle Mitchell*, Stephanie Mukai*, Lauren Oscarson, Sam Reicks, Thomas Salz*, Andrea Shrout*, Gabe Spencer*, President Richard Spierenburg, David Trotter, Natasha Vander Weide, Emma Vander Well, Savannah Veenstra, Andy Versluys*, Karen Williams, Amanda Wills (* denotes speech-drama activity but not a Thespian).

Thespian Sponsor **Steven Woolery** distributes awards to three of 13 members inducted April 21, including junior **Jeremy Hanson**, sophomore **Lauren Oscarson** and senior **Alexis Baugh**. "It was neat to be inducted my sophomore year because then I get to have a lot of experience for a longer time than some people," said **Oscarson**.



Let's Get Personal

•Lauren Oscarson

Students express themselves through papers, poetry



Studying *To Kill a Mockingbird* meant group projects for **Ann Visser's** English 9 students. Freshman **Cassie Fitzsimmons** enjoys a piece of birthday cake honoring author Harper Lee's birthday while freshman **Ryan Pfadenhauer** portrays a KKK member in his group's presentation about the group.

Freshman **Klarc Korver** reads a paper in **Gina Linn's** English 9 Honors class. "Mrs. Linn was awesome! It was always fun to be in her class because it was always energetic and laid back," said **Korver**.



Freshman
Klarc Korver



Sophomores
Josh Bogaard,
Blake Vander Molen

Sophomores **Josh Bogaard** and **Blake Vander Molen** display their wrestling skills for **Bogaard's** speech on how to wrestle given during **Wendy Vander Linden's** English 10 class. "It was a lot fun to do my speech, plus I got an A," said **Bogaard**.

English teacher **Gina Linn** had some help teaching her class first semester from student teacher **Lucas Johnson** from Central. "It was fun when we played the *Romeo and Juliet* game because I did really well! It was nice to have him," said freshman **Derek Schipull**.



Student teacher
Lucas Johnson



Sophomore
Angela
McNaughton

Sophomore **Angela McNaughton** reads her poem she wrote for Poetry Day in English 10. "I really enjoyed the poetry unit. My poem was about being a little kid and how there are no worries. I think poems are easy to write because they just your thoughts on paper," said **McNaughton**.



Junior **Jeff Laverman** and English teacher **Steven Woolery** look at **Laverman's** personal narrative for English 11.

All freshmen, sophomores and juniors were required to write personal narratives for English as part of a new yearly writing assessment.

English 9 classes wrote about someone who influenced them or a memorable moment.

"They helped to improve our writing skills, but the rules for it were really strict," said freshman **Katie Fetterman**.

English 10 students wrote about a challenging experience or a significant achievement.

"Thinking of something to write about was the hardest part. We had a couple of topics to choose from, and I didn't know which one to pick," said sophomore **Jordan Harvey**.

English 11 wrote about an embarrassing or frightening moment or a special gift they had.

"I liked doing this for a test grade because it was easier than taking a test, but the teachers couldn't help us at all," said junior **Kristine Kermode**.

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Some of it was good, but some of it had way too much sugar, and it tasted kind of gross. It was good for extra credit, though!

~**Freshman Michael Holthaus**

(regarding the "King's Day" cake devoured in French classes)

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1. Celebrating "King's Day" on Jan. 6 allowed French IV students to enjoy a special cake *and* a coronation. Senior **Sarah Benedict** got the trinket from the cake and became the "Queen." She chose **Louis Vander Streek** (left, with senior **Lindsay Graham**) to be her "King." Because French teacher **Beth Glasnapp** inadvertently ended up ordering too much cake, French students had cake for a week.

2. Freshmen **Kelsey Manecke**, **Amanda Miller** and **Blake Kermode** work on their ceiling tile in **Ann Visser's** English 9 class. The classes decorated ceiling tiles for their 'Discovery Unit' to represent 'themes' of their lives. "My quote was 'Dream Big' on our ceiling tile," said freshman **Blake Kermode**. "It's always fun to see what they can come up with to add to the ceiling," said **Visser**.

3. Spanish I classes had their annual fashion show where students got all dressed up and walked the runway. Students were grouped and had to tell their classmates - in Spanish - what they were wearing. Senior **Josh Jaarsma** donned his suit and hat for the show. "The runway is all about the hips," said **Jaarsma**. "It was a lot of fun to just get up there and act all 'sophisticated.'"



Freshman **Tressa Versteeg** strikes a pose for the Spanish I style show in Mrs. Soria's class. "It was a good alternative to the everyday reciting of Spanish words and stories," said **Versteeg**.

NEW ADDITION

Glasnapp joins language department

French students had a change of pace this year as **Beth Glasnapp** replaced **Chris Sand**.

"We seem to be learning a lot with **Mrs. Glasnapp**, and the students seem to be doing well," said sophomore **Cody Sanders**.

Glasnapp, who moved to the area from Hampton, said she is enjoying her first year here.

"The students here are great, and everything is going very well," said **Glasnapp**.

Students have also used their French names more extensively.

"Their French names get them in the 'French mood' and help them speak better. In some cases, I don't even know their real names!" said **Glasnapp**.

Two student aides have assisted in Spanish classes this year. **Paloma Soria** had an aide, **Jessica Guerrero**, a Central student who came to help teach and observe classes. **Gretchen Klein** had two student teachers from Central during second semester, **Emily Ask** and **Alison Schafer**.

"It helps me a lot because they do a lot of the paperwork, which can sometimes become overwhelming. It's also nice for the students because they get to hear other people speaking Spanish, which helps them learn. It's also beneficial to the college students because it helps them get experience and become more confident," said **Klein**.



Non-fiction students listen to artist/educator **Rosalie Ann (Lubach)** Altana, formerly an elementary art teacher in the district, talk about her art display at Central College.

✓Nonfiction, a semester course, was a new addition to the English curriculum. "In Nonfiction, we study various pieces of work and have to read a book every quarter. Mrs. (Gina) Linn is very helpful when we need some pointers to succeed," said senior **MaryBeth Jones**.

"Student knowledge in non-fiction is increasingly important in the world. Students' discovery of non-fiction topics and development of skills will help to further students' success. The best part about teaching nonfiction is viewing the material through the students' eyes, looking at their writings and the discussions we have," said **Linn**.

✓"Non-fiction is a cool class because we don't get a lot of homework, and Mrs. Linn is a neat teacher. We always have fun in that class," said junior **Josh Pommer**.

Staffs work to spread news

D u c h e s s

• Lindsey Jansen

NEW APPROACH

*Senior pics
published in color*

Senior pictures in the yearbook - this yearbook - are in color for the first time in history.

The Duchess staff decided to change the way seniors turned in their pictures for the senior spreads in the yearbook. This year seniors were assigned a time during three selected school days at the beginning of the year to have photographer **Jeff Bokhoven** take their pictures. Guidelines were set to avoid complications.

"The good far outweighed the bad. I think we worked through most of the problems. It's better this way. For the first time we had all the pictures turned in on time and were able to have the pictures in color," said Duchess adviser **Ann Visser**.

Senior **Lauren Birkel** agreed that it was a change for the better.

"I think students will be happy with having the senior pictures in color. They look good. The trade-off was worth it," said **Birkel**.

TRAVELIN'

*Staffs attend
IHSPA conferences*

The Duchess and Pelladium staffs traveled to the University of Iowa for the Iowa High School Press Association conference on Oct. 8. It was an all-day conference where the staffs were able to attend different classes ranging from story writing to picture taking to how to become a better journalist.

A regional IHSPA conference was held Oct. 22 at Drake University, Des Moines. Classes covered the same material, but the conference accommodated students who were unable to travel to Iowa City.

"I learned more about photography, which will help me out in the long run. I connected with people that I don't usually talk to, and now we are really good friends. Overall, I think going to the conference and talking to other journalistic students about publications helped me feel more confident in what I do now," said sophomore **Amanda Veenstra**.

EARLY EDITION

*Pelladium debuts
in September*

For the first time ever, the Pelladium staff published the first issue of the Pelladium in September instead of October.

"I spent a lot of extra time to get it done early. It was a good accomplishment," said senior **Lyndsay Van Maaren**.

"It was something new for us to put out the paper that early in the year. It was a challenge, but we always enjoyed working on it. I think students enjoyed it. Everyone was asking for it (the paper) right when school started," said senior **Emma Vander Well**.

BAM TIME

Sophomores **Beatriz Mate-Kodjo**, **Ashley Dorman** and **Meagan Dahlin** collaborate on their Pelladium center spread. "I really enjoyed being on the staff and having the responsibility (along with **Mate-Kodjo** and **Dorman**) of the center spread. Although it did bring a great amount of stress and hard work, it was a lot of fun," said **Dahlin**. The trio covered topics ranging from the caucuses to the play-offs.



Bloodsworth places second in on-the-spot



Kirk Ferentz
University of Iowa football coach
IHSPA speaker • **Bloodsworth's** picture

Senior **Jordan Bloodsworth** participated in the on the spot photography at the Oct. 8 IHSPA conference. She placed second.

"I have been interested in photography for quite a while. Some of my previous pictures have won second place, so I thought I would give this contest a try. I was really surprised because I don't usu-

ally shoot a film camera, so I had no idea how the pictures would turn out," said **Bloodsworth**.

Bloodsworth doesn't think she will pursue photography in the future, but she does think it's a good hobby.

"Get out there and start taking pictures" is **Bloodsworth's** advice to others.

Sophomore **Kristen Burghorn** makes changes to the Duchess and Pelladium support ads. "It took a lot of hard work because I have never done it before. I wasn't always sure what I was doing. Eventually, I got used to it, and it was easier," said **Burghorn**. **Burghorn** said being on the yearbook staff was a good learning experience, one that will help her in her future career.

PROOF TIME

Junior **Heather Linn** looks at a page completed by the staff for the first deadline. "I felt stressed and relieved after my spread was done. It took a lot off my mind. It was nice to see what I had accomplished in the first semester of yearbook. I'm looking forward to see my spreads in the yearbook. It'll make my work seem worthwhile," said **Linn**. **Linn's** first deadline was the junior section.



Pelladium



Sophomore **Bret Vander Streek** edits a story for the February Pelladium. "At the beginning of my career with the Pelladium, I found myself welcome but not doing a whole lot. I would do little things here and there, but nothing ever too big. Then, I found myself contributing more, and it was still a lot of fun, even though there was more work to do," said **Vander Streek**.

Senior **Alex Schuring** edits his spread for the Pelladium. "Newspaper has been a positive experience. The newsroom environment can be both hectic and relaxed. I've learned to adapt to both climates and, overall, newspaper has helped me to eliminate naive tendencies and shed some light on multiple facets of the media," said **Schuring**.



Pelladium Staff: Danielle Brillhart, Alex Schuring, Lyndsay Van Maaren, Amanda Van Sant, Emma Vander Well, third year; Ryan Bettger, Tyler Boeyink, Joe ErkenBrack, Kyle Oppenhuizen, David Trotter, second year; Alexis Baugh, Brandon Boat, Josh Bogaard, Meagan Dahlin, Jon De Haan, Ashley Dorman, Kerry George, Beatriz Mate-Kodjo, Andy Oldridge, Bret Vander Streek, Louis Vander Streek, Andy Versluys, Megan Whitehead, first year; Clayton Boeyink, Kyle Erickson, Jusin Ver Steeg, second semester.

Awards. Iowa High School Press Newspaper Contest (for 2002-2003 newspaper): graphics, first; photography, second. Iowa Press Women Contest: Winners included Ranson Worstell, Amanda Veenstra, Lyndsay Van Maaren, Alex Schuring, Amanda Van Sant, Brandon Boat, Alexis Baugh, David Trotter.

Duchess

Freshman **Asheley Kephart** listens to what to do next on her ninth grade spread. "I thought it was very difficult going into class not knowing what to do. Now, I know many things that I didn't expect I was going to learn," said **Kephart**.



Senior **Angela LoThi** holds photo assistant **Jeff Bokhoven's** newborn baby, **Dakotah**. "Coming into yearbook as a sophomore was a bit intimidating because there's just so many things to do. As a senior, I'd been through the ropes, and I knew what to expect, but I had a lot more responsibilities this year than the past years," said **LoThi**.

Duchess Staff: Lauren Birkel, Angela LoThi, third year; Jordan Bloodsworth, Blair Verhoef, Alice Quangvan (1st semester), second year; Kristen Burghorn, Lindsey Jansen, Asheley Kephart, Heather Linn, Lauren Oscarson, Tiffanie Peterman, Anna Rietveld, Heather Ross, Hillary Van Horn, Holly Van Kooten, Amanda Veenstra, Suzanne Wares, first year. Holly Parks, Stephanie Pearson, first semester.

Awards. Neubert Award, 2003 yearbook; First place: Iowa High School Press Yearbook Contest (2003 yearbook): senior **Lauren Birkel**, academics copy; senior **Rachel Barnes**, mugs spread; senior **Jordan Bloodsworth**, sports spread; senior **Angela LoThi**, student life spread; graduate **Ashley Heisdorffer**, student life copy; graduate **Lindsay Korver**, cover and opening page; and graduate **Heather Kraayenbrink**, student life photo. Second place: **Birkel**, academic spread; junior **Kassie Sneller**, faculty copy; graduate **Kayla Kafka**, organizations photo; **Korver**, package; and **Kraayenbrink**, special features copy and sports photo. Third place: **Birkel**, photo spread; **Bloodsworth**, sports copy. HM: junior **Sara Steenhoek**, organization copy.

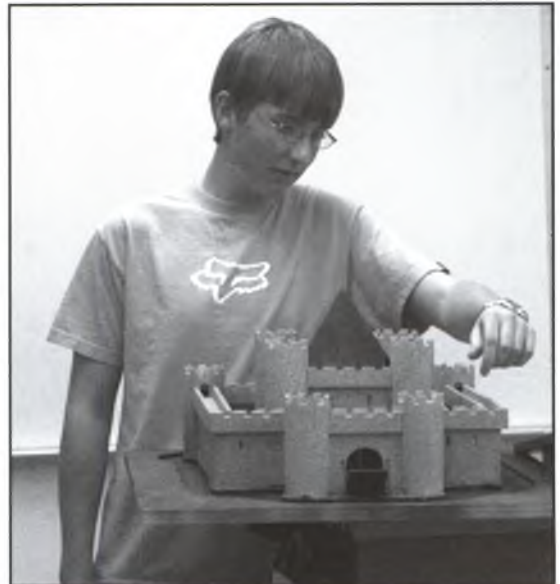
Project Time

• Lindsey Jansen

Classes offers learning alternatives



•Sophomore **Derek Van Wyk** and **Matt Buck**, a teacher of martial arts in the Des Moines area, demonstrates a martial arts move to world geography classes. "It was a really cool experience because no one has never come to school before and taught us about Japanese and Chinese martial arts," said **Van Wyk**.



•Junior **Jameson Grier** shows his class the castle he made of wood. He spent three days after school working on his castle. "I liked the assignment because I learned how castles were built, and I had fun building one of my own for 50 points of extra credit," said **Grier**.

Popsicle sticks, wood, legos and toothpicks were all used to make castles in world history while studying the middle ages.

"It was an extra credit project in which they had to recreate a castle regarding certain guidelines. It goes into us studying the middle ages. They had to choose what they could or couldn't put in the castle, like a king would have to choose," said instructor **Dak Rasmussen**.

After 15 hours of strenuous work, junior **Bridget Prescott** finished her castle made of Popsicle sticks and wood pieces.

"It was fun to make because I got to learn about something I didn't know much about," said **Prescott**.



Sophomore **Troy Smith**, freshman **Aric Bradley**

Sophomore **Troy Smith** and freshman **Aric Bradley** work in U.S. history on their Great Depression project which simulated the life of struggling family. "I thought it was kind of tedious with all of the calculating and stuff, but we didn't get any homework, and we didn't take notes," said **Smith**.



Senior **David Trotter**

Senior **David Trotter** acts as a witness in **Mark Core's** mock trial unit in judicial law. "During mock trial I was a witness. I enjoyed being involved with the case and liked the case itself. I discovered I have a real knack for legal involvement," said **Trotter**.



Freshman **Tiffany Goldman**

Freshman **Tiffany Goldman** works on a poster for U.S. history. "We were making posters of FDR's New Deal that got us out of the Depression. The posters helped me understand what FDR's New Deal actually did. It helped us understand the chapter for the upcoming test," said **Goldman**.

It was really hard to research because each website had little sources of information and all the pictures were different. It took a really long time; I would work after school for three days til one in the morning.

~Junior Kelly Hoopes
(regarding her extra credit light house project)



1. Freshman **Alex Meyer** and **LaDonna Haning** look at a display on the P.O.W. bus, parked at the library parking lot for a day. "I thought it was great that the P.O.W.'s took time to come and talk to us about their experiences. The bus was really interesting, although they could have used some air conditioning," said **Meyer**.

"I enjoyed going to the P.O.W. display. It was fascinating to see lists of books read by P.O.W.'s and to look at the political cartoons. I didn't have enough time to read some of the articles I wanted, though. The actual P.O.W.s who were there that talked to us made it a great experience," said **Haning**.

2. Sophomore **Cory Meyers** helps out his group with a current events activity in his world geography class. Each class was divided into groups and competed for the most points, which determined who won a can of pop. "I think it's a good try at a fun game because most of it we already knew," said **Meyers**.

3. Senior **Rachel Barnes** reads the verdict in **Mark Core**'s mock trial in judicial law. "I got pulled out of the hall with a couple of friends. We were asked to be on the jury, and I agreed to it, but I had no idea really what I was doing. I was the oldest, so I had to read the verdict," said **Barnes**.



•Freshmen **Paula Van Hal** and **Corissa Williams** work on their *Grapes of Wrath* projects in their U.S. history honors class. "I like to have a challenge at school. Sometimes, it gets a little stressful because of the work, but I like reading the novels," said **Van Hal**.

Challenge

Social Studies adds honors class

Nineteen freshmen opted to challenge themselves further in United States history with the addition of an honors course.

"We read a novel per quarter that related with a big unit of study. There were also more writing activities, such as essays," said Instructor **Bryan Mours**.

Taking honors classes puts a "H" on a student's transcript, which told colleges he/she took a higher level course. U.S. history honors exposed students to different types of literature and related it to U.S. history.

"I took U.S. history honors because history was easy for me before. The advantage was taking more notes and doing less worksheets. It was a good addition to our school because it gave you another option and favored people who like history," said freshman **Kevin Mason**.



•Sophomore **Phil Davidson**, an editor, works on putting together his class's something different," said **Davidson**.

Toyko. Beijing. Seoul. These, along with other places, were included in the sophomores' world geography magazines about east Asia. Staffs included student editors, writers and advertisers. Final copies were featured in the school library and on the internet.

Sophomore **Anna Stuckey** dreams of being an editor when she graduates from high school.

"I'm not good at writing articles, and it's easier for me because I don't have to think as much," said **Stuckey**.

Sophomore **Lyndsey Lanser** was an advertiser because she thought it looked fun.

"The most difficult part was designing the advertisement on the page with a program that's not very easy to work with," said **Lanser**.

Sophomore **Jon Birkel** found writing the magazine an excellent learning experience, which taught the sophomores how people halfway around the world operate.

"I liked writing stories rather than putting together a bunch of articles," said **Birkel**.

Student Council

Experiences build leadership skills

Mock Trial

•Tiffanie Peterman

LEADING the WAY

Student Council organizes food drive, formal

A holiday food drive ... Homecoming class competitions ... the winter formal. All were a part of student council's year.

Sophomores won the food drive by contributing over 600 items for the Pella Food Shelf.

"It was cool that our class finally won something. It was awesome for the student council because we collected so much for the drive," said sophomore **Ashley Dorman**.

Freshman **Mary Fox** said she enjoyed her first year as a class representative.

"I enjoyed the food drive for the fact I got to help out by decorating the tree and also by picking out prizes. It was around Christmas time and it was great for people who needed their spirits lifted," said **Fox**.

"Anything to encourage teenagers to give to charity is significant. It's important to understand that to give is beneficial," said geography teacher **Dave Bensink**.

The VERDICT is ...

Mock trial members fall short at regionals

Accusation: killing the opponent with an epee (sword). Defense: ... just an accident.

The 18 students on the two mock trial teams dealt with this scenario as they prepared for the regional competition.

Mock trial team members averaged two practices a week for approximately two months prior to the state competition. More practices were added closer to the date.

According to Captain **Kristen Burghorn**, sophomore, "We had to practice for many hours, but I had a great team, and we all worked well together. We did the best that we all could have, and that was all anyone could ask for. We were six points shy of moving on, but overall, it was a very successful year.

At regional competition held at Drake University in Des Moines, March 1, each team had to perform its case twice; to advance, they had to win both trials.

TIME CHANGE

Meetings held during school hours

In an effort to deal with scheduling conflicts, student council regularly held meetings during school hours. The meetings were held during the last 30 minutes of a class hour.

"I liked meeting during school. Meeting after school interfered with activities, causing lots of conflicts," said junior **Sara Steenhoek**.

Sponsor **Dak Rasmussen** agreed.

"It's was nice because a higher proportion of members attend meetings," said **Rasmussen**.

RELY ON THE RULES Sophomore **Joel Weiler** and senior **Angela LoThi** pay close attention to Assistant Principal **Eric Nelson** as he discusses items, including the Good Conduct Policy and when the Newton student council visited during March. "It was interesting to see the Newton student's reactions to how our school worked. We're trying to make some changes to some policies. It is also nice to know that I won't have to abide by some of the rules next year," said **LoThi**.



Student Council road trips to Newton



Student council members head down the stairs at Newton High School as they decide where to visit next.

Student council members traveled to Newton High School April 14. A month prior, the Newton student council members came to Pella for a visit to exchange with student council members.

Members saw both positives and negatives at Newton's High school.

"I liked the ice cream machine

and the food (at Newton), but I didn't like the block schedule that they had," said sophomore **Paige Nelson**.

Sophomore **Joel Weiler** said he enjoyed the visit.

"It was bigger and more spaced out - less crowded. I liked how the teachers were more laid back," said **Weiler**.

Freshman **Clayton Boeyink** listens to discussion during a student council meeting. "Being a member of the student body's special task force was kind of fun because we got to debate about things that had little relevance. I'm glad I was able to represent my class in making decisions that don't matter much," said **Boeyink**. **Boeyink** cited such situations as the loss of a student parking lot as one of those issues.

STRESS TIME

Just prior to Mock Trial competition in Des Moines in March, senior **Brandon Boat** takes a few minutes to rethink the speeches that will be presented. "I learned how different Mock Trial is from the actual legal system. Twice a week we would get together with an attorney and discuss the merits of the case. (At regionals) I did my best, and that's all I could have ever hoped to accomplish," said **Boat**.



Student Council



Sophomore **Jason Dole** listens to a fellow student council member give updates on the group's latest projects that have been taking place in the school. As a returning student council member **Dole** enjoyed Newton members coming to Pella. "It is always interesting to talk and interact with new faces and meet new people," said **Dole**.

Senior **Darvin Graham** updates members on what is happening throughout the student body. "As a senior I'm in charge of a few things. The student council isn't really a voice, more of just a representation," said **Graham**. Meetings were held bi-monthly normally on Wednesdays to keep members updated on what had been happening throughout the school.



STUDENT COUNCIL: Darvin Graham, student body president; Andrew Lundgren, vice president. Seniors: Lindsay Graham, president; Angela LoThi, Whitney Mecalf, Louis Vander Streek, representatives. Juniors: Nathan De Zwarte, president; Sara Steenhoek, Jill Van Vark, Ranson Worstell, representatives. Sophomores: Jason Dole, president; Amy Martens, Ashley Dorman, Ashley Meirick, Paige Nelson, Joel Weiler, representatives. Freshmen: Mary Fox, president; Kayla Simpson, Clayton Boeyink, Drew Randol, representatives.

Mock Trial



Senior **Richard Spierenburg** said he practiced his mock trial speeches for hours to make them seem as real as possible. This was critical for the team and the team score. "Time just seemed to fly by at practice, because it was just so engaging. In the end we performed to the best of our ability," said **Spierenburg**.



Sophomore **Elysia Purnell** talks to fellow team members about the case. Even after hours of practice each week, members of the team were always thinking about what they could change to be better or how they could improve. "After the questions were finalized I would take them home and look at them over and over," said **Purnell**.

Mock Trial: Team 1: Rebecca Burch, Kristen Burghorn, Natalie Elzinga, Joe Groenenboom, Lyndsey Lanser, Anna Loux, Elysia Purnell, Emily Scheckel, Paula Van Hal

Team Two: Naina Barnett, Brandon Boat, Ashley Dorman, Joe ErkenBrack, Dan George, Ashley Meirick, Andrew Oakland, Sierra Smith, Richard Spierenburg

Coaches: Attorneys Lori Koop and Wes Chaplin, Central College students Aaron Pearce and Steve Cooper, and Advisor Linda Nollen

In Action

Classes teach survival skills

• Heather Linn

Sophomore **Ben Van Wyk** works on gluing boards together on his lemonade stand, a project for cabinet making class.



Sophomore **Jason Semidey** works on measuring out lengths and widths for his project, a picture frame for home and auto maintenance class.



*Senior **Natasha Vander Weide** feeds a mechanical baby during her family living class just before returning it from her responsibility over the weekend.

Junior **Calvin Vos** sands the nightstand that he made in cabinet making class. "I needed it for my room, so I decided to build one. It was an easy project to make, and I had fun making it along with being in the class," said **Vos**.



Junior
Calvin Vos

Sophomore **Zach Van Haaften** cuts shelves for a gun cabinet that the class made. "We had to measure, cut, sand, stain and varnish the cabinet, which made it a long process. I enjoyed this project more than some others. It was fun to work with my classmates, and I learned a lot from it," said **Van Haaften**.



Sophomore
Zach Van Haaften



Juniors
**Ron Steenhoek,
Jake Boertje,
Jeremy Hanson**

Junior **Jake Boertje** torques the head bolts on this engine to 200 inches/lbs. "This will help me in the future because I want to be an auto mechanic, and I needed to know the basics of engine operation," said **Boertje**.

Every year in family living class, students learn that taking care of a baby involves patience and responsibility. The mechanical babies as well as the flour babies each had different characteristics to help students understand what having a baby would be like in reality. The mechanical babies cried at certain times during the days and nights. There were two different kinds of mechanical babies. One required holding a key in its back to make it stop crying. The other one was bottle fed.

"Luckily, the magnet in the diaper was the same as the magnet in the bottle, so I just wrapped the diaper around the baby's face," said **Vander Weide**.

The project helped build responsibility and change students' minds about teen pregnancy. Senior **Danielle Brillhart** discovered an annoyance she had about the baby.

"It was a good way to experience what taking care of a baby would be like, but the crying drove me crazy," said **Brillhart**.

Mrs. Nelson took attendance of our flour baby every day. We were graded on how careful we were with it; if the sack broke, that meant we were too abusive.

Junior Kelly Hoopes



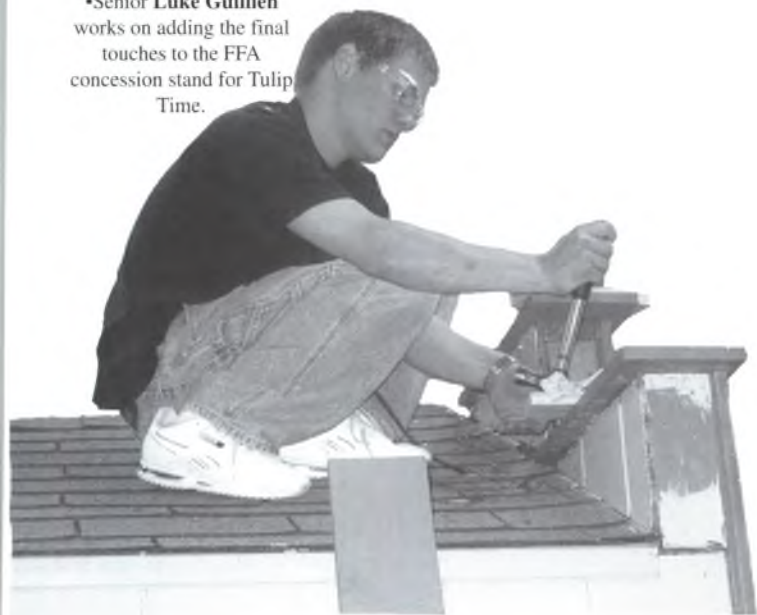
1. Industrial Tech teacher, **Don Trow**, helps sophomore **Tyler Carlson** measure a board for his cabinet making class. **Trow** has retired after 28 years of working here, teaching classes such as AutoCad, drafting and material processing, and woodworking classes, as well as starting the School-to-Work program.

"The thing I will probably miss the most is the contact with people and also the opportunity to let students learn new skills," said **Trow**.

2. Seniors **Luke Sneller** and **Andrew Yang** work together in home and auto maintenance class to construct their next assigned project, a picture frame. "What we did was cut glass, matboard and the frame, but we had to first get a picture to make it the size we wanted. Then we made a dato cut in the wood to fit it all together so it wouldn't fall out. This project was fun, and I enjoyed it very much," said **Sneller**.

3. Senior **Darrell Kooistra** worked on building and painting the FFA stand for Tulip Time in tractors and machinery class. "My job was to paint," said **Kooistra**. "It was an o.k. job; my classmates and I worked really well together."

•Senior **Luke Guillien** works on adding the final touches to the FFA concession stand for Tulip Time.



Building for the Future Students' work together toward goal

Students in tractors and machinery class helped one another in building the FFA concession stand for Tulip time. Senior **Luke Guillien** trimmed, roofed, painted and did electrical work to complete the stand on time.

This class also offered other important skills needed for the future. Throughout the year, students have taken apart motors and engines. They've also worked with small engines learning combustion and how fuel systems work.

"This will help my carpentry skills; it will also help to me to be able to fix my vehicle instead of taking it to an auto shop for repair. It was usually a team effort when we worked, and we got it done faster and better," said **Guillien**.



✓Senior **Christina Clinkenbeard** said she had a lot of fun doing the School-to-Work program, working at Happy Joe's Cafez, and she said she loved the people she worked with. "I took deliveries, made pizzas, was a server and a hostess, just about anything and everything. What I liked about the School-to-Work program was that I got a guaranteed 15 hours a week, and that helped out a lot," said **Clinkenbeard**.

✓Senior **Brandi Wince** worked at COC on the School-to-Work program. "I supervised (senior) **Paul Yang**, one of the students at Pella High School. I got to see him learn to communicate with other people. Also, I learned to understand him and accept him since he will be attending COC fulltime next year. I loved my job; the people were a blast," said **Wince**.

✓Senior **Mitch Horn** worked at Hy-Vee for the School-to-Work program. "School-to-Work was a good experience because of a couple reasons: I got out of school early, I got paid for working there, and I would have had to go to work anyway, so I thought I might as well have got school credit for it," said **Horn**.

T S A Clubs focus on life experiences

F F A • F H A

•Heather Ros

HELPING OUT

FFA keeps busy with monthly events

FFA offered its members a smorgasboard of activities, ranging from a year-opening beach party to a banquet in March. In between, members were a part of conferences and contests.

At the March 15 FFA Banquet, senior **Sara Goodyk** and juniors **Derek Groenendyk** and **Jordan Williams** received Star FFA Degrees; freshman **Skyler Verros** earned the Star Greenhand Award. Scholarship awards went to senior **Darrell Kooistra**, **Williams**, sophomore **Blake Vander Molen** and freshman **Aaron Steenhoek**. **Kooistra** received the Van Maanen Seed & Chemical Award.

At the April 5 state conference at Iowa State, **Groenendyk** and **Williams** earned Iowa FFA degrees. **Groenendyk** was also a Star Agri-Business finalist, receiving a silver in turf management proficiency. **Williams** received the same in diversified livestock proficiency.

WINNING FORMULA

4 teams/individuals place in state contest

TSA capped the year with a solid showing at the April 10 state competition held in Des Moines.

The Technology Quiz Bowl team of sophomores **A.J. Nunnikhoven** and **David Visser** and senior **Taylor Brummel** placed first, along with the **Brummel-Visser** Problem Solving team.

"I looked forward to getting into the finals. I was relieved when we found out we beat the other team," said sophomore **Nunnikhoven**.

Second place went to seniors **Bryan Janssen** and **Seamus Turnbull** while sophomore **Johnathon Van Kooten** was third in promotional graphics.

"TSA helped me with my communication skills. I met new people from different states. We did the best at state competition that we've ever done," said sophomore **Jeff Seekamp**, who participated at state contest.

HONORING THE BEST

FHA activities lag as year progresses

Despite beginning the year with an ice cream social and scavenger hunt, FHA members' enthusiasm waned as the year progressed.

Sophomore **Kristen Burghorn** assumed the role of FHA president in October.

"Taking over FHA was difficult because we lost most of our enthusiasm and motivation...a lot of the people who were going to be in FHA dropped out, and so there were a lot of lost opportunities," said **Burghorn**.

Despite the obstacles the group did have a bake off and sold magazines.

Juniors **Ashley Vander Hart** and **Jordan Williams** and senior **Sara Goodyk** get ready for beach volleyball at the FFA membership kick-off at North Overlook in September. "I had a blast. I got to meet the underclassmen, and everyone ganged up on me and dunked me. **Blake** and **Ashley** helped out on that. I ended up losing my sandals, so I had to get even," said **Williams**. A cook-out highlighted the event.



BAM TIME

Thomas named FFA Sweetheart



Junior Alicia Thomas
FFA Sweetheart

Junior **Alicia Thomas** was named FFA Sweetheart at the March 18 FFA Banquet. Attendants were senior **Sara Goodyk** and junior **Jordan Williams**.

"I was very honored and excited to be named FFA Sweetheart. All week I kept worrying if I was going to win," said **Thomas**.

Thomas' primary duty as FFA Sweetheart is riding the FFA float in the Tulip Time parades.

"I'm excited and happy. I'm looking forward to waving to all the people I see," said **Thomas**.

"I'm glad she won. She's a country girl, and it's good for a country girl," said junior **Ron Steenhoek**.

♦Freshman **Natalie Elzinga** eats her bowl of vanilla ice cream with toppings of chocolate, Reeses, caramel, and whipped cream at the first FHA meeting. "The ice cream social was awesome, and it was a lot of fun doing the scavenger hunt, plus ... I won!" said **Elzinga**. The scavenger hunt found students looking for everything from a teacher's signature to a stapler to pieces of chalk.

♦Sophomore **Jeff Seekamp** wires the kill switch on the car for TSA. "I got started with this car because I was interested in seeing how far the car could make it with eight ounces of gas," said **Seekamp**. The car, created by **Seekamp** and classmates **Jonathon Van Kooten**, **Tim Noteboom**, **A.J. Nunnikhoven** and **Chris Rus** was tested at a May 7 contest at Southeast Polk. The group finished 13 of 32 entries.



FFA



Junior **Austin Crase** enjoys his ice cream before awards began at the March 18 FFA Banquet. **Crase** has served as FFA president during the past year. "It's an honor to be selected by my peers for a leadership position. It was a huge honor to get re-elected. We had very qualified members running this year, so to get re-elected makes me think I must have done something right," said **Crase**. **Crase** was elected vice president of the South Central District for FFA for the 2004-2005 school year.

FFA. President Austin Crase, Vice President Luke Borgman, Secretary Jordan Williams, Treasurer Derek Groeneyk, Reporter Katie Van Vark, Sentinel Sara Goodyk, Ashley Orr, Luke Sneller, Tyler Vander Linden, Jake Boertje, Cody Butler, Kyle Dursky, Cody Kirby, Ryan Sims, Ron Steenhoek, Derick Steil, Alicia Thomas, Ashley VanderHart, Ryan Van Roekel, Tyler Carlson, Jay Gehrt, Jordan Harvey, Derek Long, Shelly Nunnikhoven, Matt Sample, Jeff Seekamp, Blake Vander Molen, Zach Van Haaften, Ben Van Wyk, Justin Van Zante, Kayla De Jong, Derek Schipull, Aaron Steenhoek, Justin Steil, Skyler Verros, Advisor Mark Williams.

FHA

FHA. President Kristen Burghorn, Vice President Heidi Wouterse, Secretary Natalie Elzinga, Treasurer Narissa Vander Weide, Projects Chair Samantha Van Haaften, Alex Meyer, D.J. Vander Hyde, Advisor Joyce Nelson.

TSA



♦Sophomore **Johnathon Van Kooten** tunes up the carburetor on the TSA car. "The purpose of the car was to see how well we can do at the competition without many sponsors helping build the car," said **Van Kooten**. **Van Kooten** and his fellow crew built the car and entered in the Iowa Industrial Technology Exposition held May 7 at Southeast Polk. This was the group's first time to enter a contest of this type. They built the car from scratch. They spent approximately \$300 on the car.

TSA. Ryan Boswell, Izaac Holt, Bryan Janssen, Seamus Turnbull, Tim Noteboom, Chris Rus, Jeff Seekamp, Jon Van Kooten, Justin Ver Heul, David Visser, Bjorn Bagnall, Kevin Bills, Yu Yang Jin, Ryan Pfadenhauer, Sponsor Mark Goodrich.



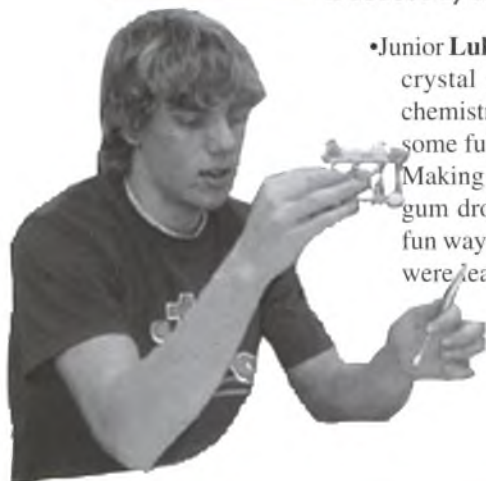
♦Senior **Seamus Turnbull** and parent **Brad Boswell** work the TSA stand at Tulip Time. ♦Sophomore **David Visser** puts up shelving in TSA sponsor **Mark Goodrich's** room. "We put shelving in to put the computer towers up on so there is room for bags," said **Visser**.



Moodle Mania

•Amanda Veenstra

Science, math students learn through variety of methods



•Junior **Luke Borgman** works on his crystal model in **Les Carter's** chemistry class. "Mr. **Carter** had some fun and crazy experiments. Making the crystal models out of gum drops and toothpicks was a fun way to get an idea of what we were learning," said **Borgman**.



•Sophomore **Jessica Rietveld** checks her moodle account to see if she got a response to her question from her instructor.

Sophomore **Anne Pitkin** said she enjoyed the chance to help out with the landscaping project completed in front of the school. "Even though I'm not a person who likes to do a lot of outside chores, I enjoyed it because it was a chance to get out of the classroom," said **Pitkin**.



Sophomore
Anne Pitkin



Seniors **Trent Sikkema** and **Joey Santiago**

"Monroe (referring to the name of the pig **Trent Sikkema** and **Joey Santiago** had to dissect) was the most excellent specimen ever. It was a lot of fun to dissect him. I'd do it again," said **Santiago**.



Junior **Andy Knight**

Junior **Andy Knight** tests his bridge in physics class. "I enjoyed the learning experience. Watching toothpicks and glue mimicking the bomb at Hiroshima was so much more fun than balancing equations," said **Knight**.

Moodles save the day

When the travel budget for the genetic engineering guest speaker from Iowa State University for honors biology class was cut due to Iowa State budget cuts, course instructor **Cathy Hones** had a dilemma. That dilemma was solved with the use of a MOODLE, software which allowed **Hones** and her students to access the speaker with little expense.

"This program opened a whole new component. On this software my students could have discussions with professors via the internet," said **Hones**.

Students could chat with health care professionals while sitting at their home computers. By asking questions, these students could learn more and get a better grasp on health care methods.

"I could have internet chats with people out of town and get more information," said sophomore **Jessica Rietveld**.

The MOODLE also allowed students to write a paper and not have to worry about printing it.

"It was an easier way to do homework because you could do it at home. If your printer didn't work, you could still get it done," said sophomore **Kendra Strobel**.

This method not only helped the students, it also helped the teacher as well.

"I don't have to lug all the papers home. Instead I just had to log in on a computer and check them. I could grade the papers from anywhere I could log into a computer," said **Hones**.



1. Sophomores **Jon Tangen** and **Holly Van Kooten** assist with the "School Beautification Project" that took place in front of the school. During biology classes, students went outside, scooped up the grass, planted bushes and poured rocks. "The landscaping project was fun because we got to get out of class and help improve the look of our school yard," said **Van Kooten**.

2. Seniors **MaryBeth Jones**, **April Harvey** and **Ashley Gritters** dissect a pig in anatomy class. "Dissecting the pig wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. It did smell really bad though, and the stench got worse as it sat day after day. Besides the odor and feeling of the squishy organs, it was really fascinating," said senior **Emma Vander Well**. **Gritters** said she enjoyed the assignment. "Dissecting a pig as my semester test was awesome. It was a learning experience and a really easy test. Anatomy was a fun class to be in and take. It was a hard class, but a good one for everyone," she said.

3. Senior **Louis Vander Streek** tests his centripetal force lab as classmate senior **Joseph Groenenboom** looks on. "Spinning the contraption around above my head over and over and over and over was rather repetitive. The point of the lab came across but at the expense of sore arms and shoulders for weeks," said **Vander Streek**.



•Science instructor **Lance Maffin** works on his lesson plans for the upcoming week. Teachers were required to post lesson plans to the school's website.

New Kids on the Block

Maffin, Williamson join science, math departments

For science teacher **Lance Maffin**, the classroom was a new environment. For math teacher **Scott Williamson**, Pella High School was a new environment, but the classroom wasn't.

Maffin and **Williamson** said they came to Pella at the beginning of the 2003-04 school year for the same reason - the school and town has a reputation of being great.

"The job was offered to me, and I had heard good things about Pella. I don't need to leave Pella for anything. We have a Hy-Vee and a Wal-Mart right here," said **Williamson**.

After going to college for six years, **Maffin** decided that the classroom was the place for him.

"At first, I wanted to be a nurse, then a research biologist, then I decided I wanted to be a teacher," said **Maffin**.

Williamson changed his mind also. He started out as a CDA, then decided to make a change.

"Halfway through college I decided that I didn't want to give up coaching. I changed my math electives to my major. Now, I coach wrestling and cross country," said **Williamson**.

Maffin plans on sticking around Pella High, but **Williamson** is thinking differently.

"I don't have a reason to dislike Pella, but I have a masters in administration, and I want to pursue that," said **Williamson**.



Sophomores **Liesel Schroder** and **Erika Terlouw** study together from their math notebooks.

Problem? Lost math assignments. Solution? Loose leaf, three-ring binders.

Math instructor **Dennis Linn** implemented this new organizational method to keep track of math assignments. Students brought the notebooks to math class every day with the assignments completed.

"The notebooks were a way to find assignments when I referred to them during class. They were worth no extra credit; it was just a way to stay organized," said **Linn**.

The notebooks had benefits for the students.

"Our notebook had all our assignments and notes in it, and that helped us stay organized. It helped the teacher stay organized, too," said sophomore **Erika Terlouw**.

The notebooks were a resourceful study tool as well. "When test time came around, it was a lot easier to study," said sophomore **Liesel Schroder**.

When notebook checks were done, students were graded on having all the assignments, homework checks, quizzes, expectation sheet, and neatness.

Fit for Life

• Holly Van Kooten

Students exercise their bodies, minds



•Sophomore **Jenna Parker** endures the mile run in p.e. class. Students had to run the mile twice each year, once in the fall and once in the spring. "To be honest, I didn't really want to run it. In the fall I had swimming and then I'm in shape instead of in the spring when I'm fat and lazy after winter," said **Parker**.



Senior
Alison Corbett

While in a crunch position, senior **Alison Corbett** juggles a three pound medicine ball between her hands, to improve her abdominal muscles. "I took personal fitness so I could design my own fitness program. I love lifting weights, being able to go at my own pace and being able to monitor my own progress," said **Corbett**.

Lifting a 65-pound bar, senior **Amber Breuklander** bench presses in seventh hour personal fitness to improve her upper body strength. "Personal fitness is more physical demanding then the regular p.e. class. Since I started personal fitness, I have been able to shave off time on my track records," said **Breuklander**.



Senior
Amber Breuklander



Junior
Justin Ver Steeg

Lifting 165 pounds, junior **Justin Ver Steeg** does hang cleans to improve his total body strength in seventh hour personal fitness. "I think personal fitness has disciplined me to lift more often. It's gotten me on a weekly routine and greatly enhanced my physical attributes," said **Ver Steeg**.



•Freshmen **Maddison Guerena** and **Asheley Kephart** try to identify a classmate through a baby picture during third hour ninth grade health class. "I thought identifying students through baby pictures was interesting because some students were hard to identify, and others were easy," said **Guerena**.

Bald heads, chubby cheeks, and big eyes were on display when students brought in baby pictures of themselves, to show the changes in their development stages.

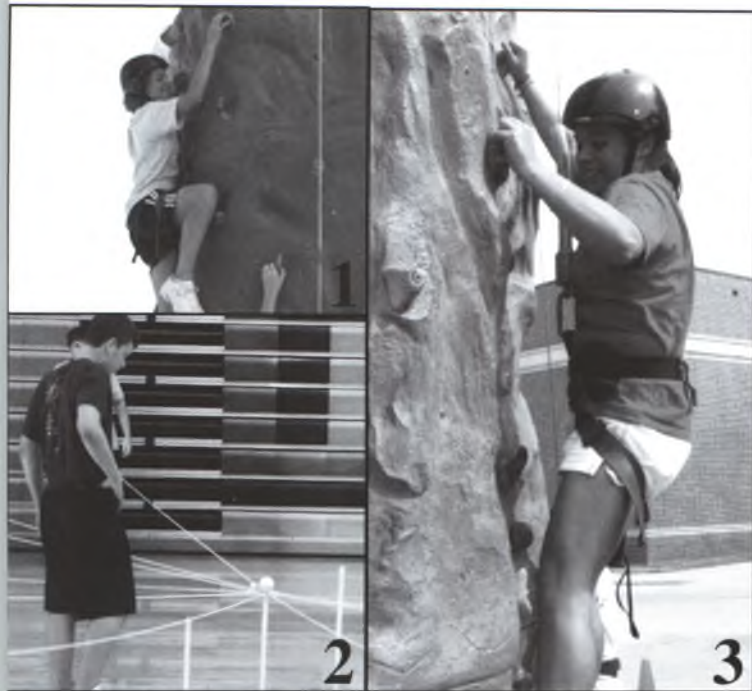
Health teacher **Bob Fessler** wanted to try something new to get his ninth grade students excited about their next unit on development.

After the pictures were placed face down on a table and shuffled, students chose a picture of another student and tried to guess who it was.

"I looked at facial features, such as eyes and how the student smiled," said freshman **Collin Boswell**.

The first time I ran the mile, I felt I could have done a lot better, which motivated me to get a better time the second time I ran.

~Junior Heather Linn



1. On Sept. 9, freshman **Chloe Mathonnet-Vander Well** scales the rock wall in third hour p.e. class when the Army National Guard came to the high school.

"I thought that wall climbing was fun. It gave my class mates and other high school students the experience in wall climbing. Also, wall climbing was a nice change from the normal p.e. class," said Mathonnet-Vander Well.

2. Freshman **Spencer Wissler** helps guide his teammates by telling them where and when to place the tennis ball on a stick by using only a rope.

"There is no 'i' in team. It took all of us as a team to get the job accomplished," said Wissler.

3. On Sept. 9, senior **Paola Espinosa** tackles wall climbing in eighth hour p.e. class when the Army National Guard visited.

"I thought rock climbing was really cool, I had never rock climbed before. I was kind of scared, but once I got to the top, it was awesome. I now had experience when I went rock climbing in Jamaica over spring break," said Espinosa.

•Sophomores **Michelle Hiemstra** and **Ben Van Wyk** perform the pretzel in the swing dance unit. "At first I thought swing dancing was going to be stupid, but it turned out to be fun since I had a great dance partner," said **Van Wyk**.



Dance Fever

Students learn new moves

When sophomores heard that the next unit in p.e. was dancing, not everyone was thrilled.

"I thought that dance in p.e. was pointless because not many students would need to know how to dance in the future," said sophomore **Cory Meyers**.

For the next four weeks, students learned the steps to line, square and swing dances.

"Learning the steps was difficult; I was overwhelmed with many moves," said sophomore **Lindsey Jansen**.

At the end of the dance unit, some students were disappointed that the unit was over.

"Swing dance was awesome! I totally owned the pretzel," said sophomore **Angela McNaughton**.



Sophomore **Rachel Anderson** and senior **Emma Vander Well** play a game of ping pong, third hour in adaptive p.e. "I love being in adaptive p.e. because the kids are so positive and excited about class. It's fun to help them with their skills and develop their positive self image," said **Vander Well**.

✓Senior **Bryce Steenhoek** started helping in adaptive p.e. because he wants to be a special education teacher. "I really enjoy helping in adaptive p.e. It's a lot of fun and something different," said **Steenhoek**.

✓Sophomore **Kate Sadler** started helping in the adaptive p.e. class because she thought that it would be fun to work with her friend and classmate **Zach Wallace**. "I like working in the class because I know that I'm actually helping the students," said **Sadler**.

✓Senior **Lacy May** also helped the students in adaptive p.e. "I love being in adaptive p.e. I feel like I make a difference to these kids by being their friend," said **May**.



♦Sophomore **Paige Nelson** tries to escape the Boone defenders. The sophomores ended with a 53-38 victory over Boone.

♦Senior **Nick Hartson** encourages his teammates during the Pella-Pella Christian game. The Dutch came out with a 52-41 victory over Pella Christian in their first match-up.

♦Junior **Travis Bogaard** dresses up in a girls' tournament volleyball uniform, cheering them on at home games. **Bogaard** was accompanied by many of the varsity football players.

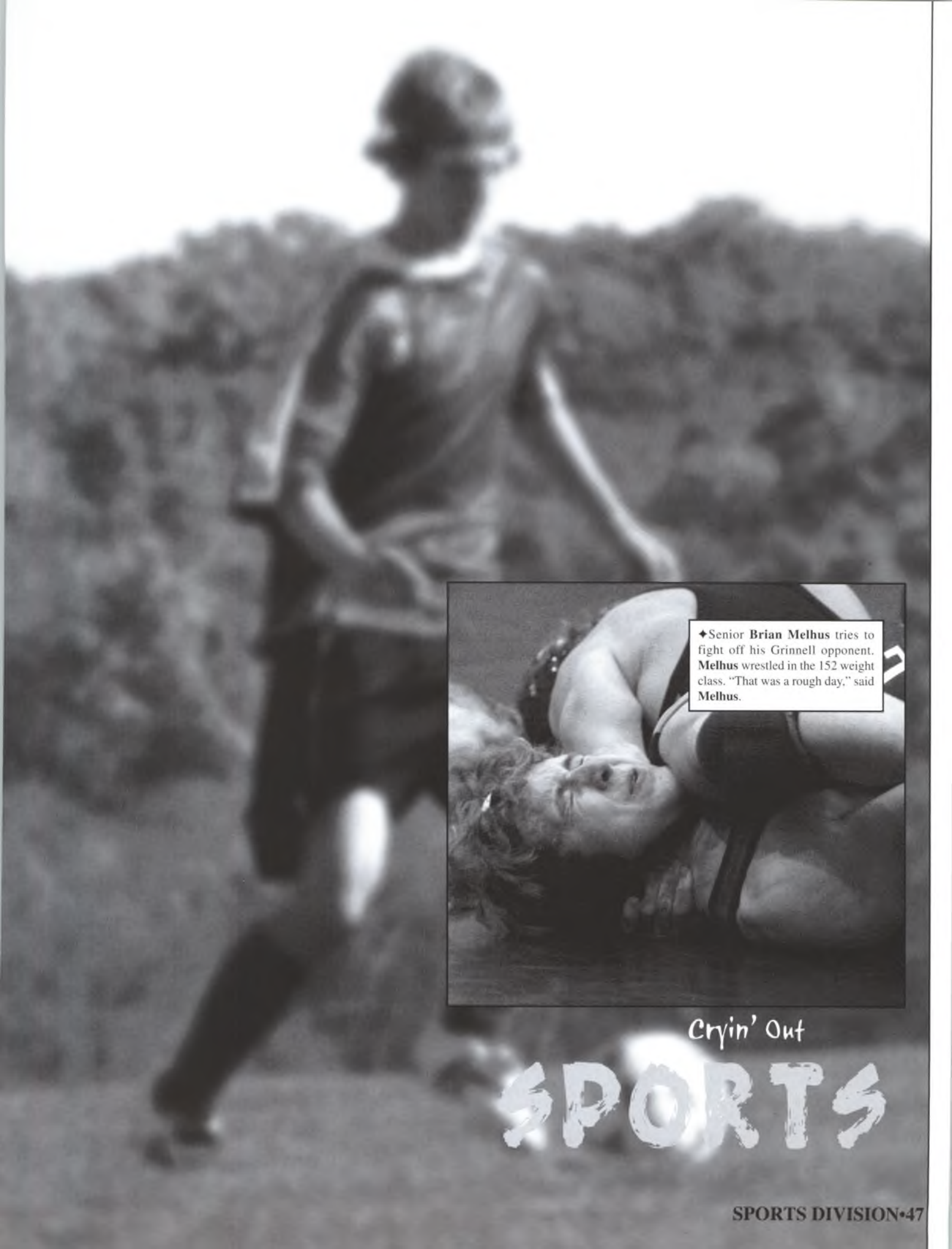
♦Juniors **Sara Steenhoek** and **Derek Forsythe** performed the coed dance routine to the Austin Powers theme song on Forté night, Feb. 28.



DEDICATION...

Blood, sweat, and tears: athletes gave their all as they devoted time to sports. "Throughout high school I dedicated my time to sports. Whether it was practice, game time or hanging out with my teammates, it was time well spent. I had a blast throughout my sports career, and I learned a lot as well," said senior **Alison Corbett**. Students felt that taking part in athletics made their high school years more interesting. "I have always been interested in athletics, and high school wouldn't be any fun if I wouldn't have played football and baseball," said senior **Michael Edwards**. Freshman **Alyssa Brobst** was involved in four sports - softball, soccer, volleyball and basketball. "Sports take up a lot of my time because I am in one every season. The time it takes is worth it to me because I love playing them and being with all of the other girls that are involved in them," said **Brobst**. Senior **Tyler Boeyink**, background right, said he enjoyed spending four years dedicated to soccer.

•Jordan Bloodsworth



◆ Senior **Brian Melhus** tries to fight off his Grinnell opponent. **Melhus** wrestled in the 152 weight class. "That was a rough day," said **Melhus**.

Cryin' Out
SPORTS

CRAZY

Fans add to games and go

•Heather Linn

CREATIVITY

Senior **Taylor Brummel** was there from the beginning of the varsity boys' basketball season to cheer on the team, attending every game he possibly could, which made him such a great fan. "My favorite part about these games was yelling at the other team," said **Brummel**. He made the kilt which he wore to every game in independent living. "We decided to do the Braveheart theme with face paint, so I wore the skirt," said **Brummel**.



My favorite memory was when we beat Grinnell, and Bill VanHorn said, 'No running on the court,' and I did it anyway."

Senior
Taylor Brummel

We wore the varsity girls' volleyball jerseys because we decided to take it upon ourselves to represent the ladies in spandex. They wore tight shorts, so we wore tight shirts.

Senior
Brady VanVark



MOTIVATION

Senior **Whitney Metcalf**, a basketball and softball player, gave her support, realizing how important it was to have fans, and how much it changed the game they played. "A lot of people didn't realize that the intensity of the crowd could sway the game one way or the other. When we had a ton of fans behind us, we were really motivated to play that much harder. The most intense game I was in was the Norwalk game played at home. There was a nice-sized crowd, and fans really got into it. We probably played the best game of our season," said **Metcalf**.

NOISE

During the football semi-finals game at the UNI Dome in November, seniors **Emma Vander Well**, **Lara Van Wyk** and **Chrissy Buitenwerf** cheered loudly. "Cheering at the Dome was awesome because the crowd was huge, and everyone was so pumped for the game," said **Vander Well**.

SUPPORT

When attending senior boyfriend **Ryan Salter's** football games, sophomore **Paige Nelson** wore his football sweatshirt every time to support the team. "I wore **Ryan's** sweatshirt because I wanted to show my support for the football team and also for **Ryan**," said **Nelson**. "It was really cool to be there and cheering because it not only got the crowd pumped, but it got the players pumped up, too."

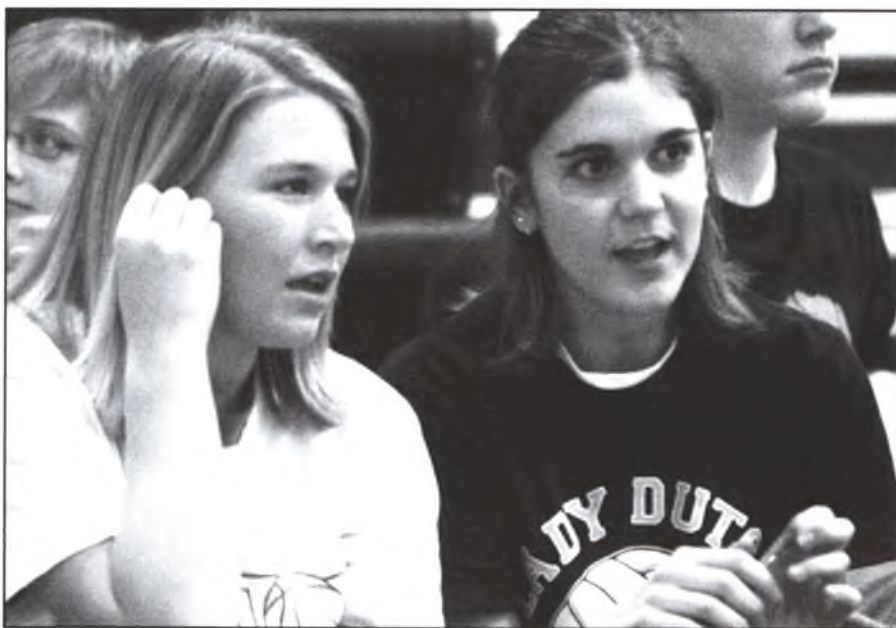




GREEN AND WHITE Seniors **Jon Vermeer** and **Michael Langenfeld** dare to be different. "We wanted to do something different and go all out for our senior year," said **Langenfeld**.

I usually don't really get into games that often, but winning the Homecoming game for our senior year was different and a great memory. We all had a lot of fun cheering for the team.

Senior **Lacey Beyer**
(Pictured with classmate
Amanda Van Sant)



RESPECT Freshmen **Liz Bandstra** and **Lindley Roorda** watch in suspense during the varsity girls' basketball first game of districts. "I like to go and watch the teams compete. I think being a supportive fan is important and respectful towards the team. It's fun to go to the games and cheer on the players with my friends," said **Roorda**.

DUTCHMEN

•Jordan Bloodsworth

DOMINATE THE ROAD TO THE DOME

Chris Vos

Josh Bogaard

Nick Hartson,
Mike Edwards

What'd You Say

Players talk about the
games against...



1. Knoxville. Waiting for the ball to fall dead is senior **Jason Pfadenhauer**. "It was an awesome game to play in. It was the first time our senior class has beaten Knoxville," said **Pfadenhauer**. The Dutch ended the game with a 28-7 win over the Panthers.

2. Norwalk. Senior captain **Jon Vermeer** gets in his ready defense position to charge the Norwalk Warriors. "Homecoming Week was stellar. The game was even more stellar. Yea, we won. It was a hard fought game. We didn't have our best game, but we came together and prospered," said **Vermeer**.

3. Clarke. Senior captain **Ryan Salter** takes a few seconds to catch his breath as he listens to Coach **Jay Mc Kinstrey**. "The score really didn't reflect how well we actually played. The defense did a good job of keeping them from scoring and the offense came through with a couple touchdowns," said **Salter**.

4. Chariton. Seniors **Jon Vermeer**, **Matt Goodyk** and junior **Justin Versteeg** celebrate as they come off the field after senior **Josh Smith** scored the first touchdown of the game. "We just had everything going our way. We were playing the best game of the year. Our goal before the game was to play with emotion, and with that emotion, we won," said **Versteeg**.

5. Mt. Vernon. The Dutch made their first appearance at the Dome in school history. Senior **Josh Smith** reaches his arms out to put the ball in the end zone for a touchdown. "Playing at the UNI-Dome was an awesome experience. The game was tough, but getting there was one of our goals, and playing there was something I will never forget," said **Smith**.

♦For the first time ever, the Dutchmen made it to the Dome. Senior **Mike Edwards** and teammate **Drew Wilson** come together after the victory over the Chariton Chargers. "The team heard a lot of people talking about the previous game we played against Chariton, but we tried not to think about it. We tried to focus on winning the game on that particular night and making it to the Dome," said **Edwards**.

♦The Dutch played the Oskaloosa Indians in the first round of playoffs, dominating the entire game and ending with a 41-7 victory. Senior **Joe Burch** runs the ball in for the first of many touchdowns for the Dutch. "Oskey is always a fun team to play because they are such a big rivalry. We were focused on making a statement coming into the game. The offensive line was really aggressive, which helped us to do good stuff good," said **Burch**.





◆ Seniors **Caleb Seelye**, **Joe Burch**, **Ryan Salter** and **Mike Edwards** held up their semi-final trophy. "I thought that the Dome was a memorable experience. I was glad where we ended up," said **Seelye**.



◆ Senior **Josh Smith** escapes from an Osky player. "We started out slow and they just out played us in the first half, but we got it going in the second and wore them down physically and mentally," said **Smith**.



◆ Junior **Derek Forsythe** escaped from being taken down against a Knoxville opponent. "We started out slow, but in the second half we made adjustments that helped us win. We came together as a team to pull out a win," said **Forsythe**.



VARSITY FOOTBALL. MANAGER Katelyn Dingeman, MANAGER Paula VanHal, Ryan Sims, Zach Hogan, Adam Zemanek, Chris Eick, Brad DeWild, David Vos, Kyle Boetger, Wade Hamre, Nathan De Zwarte, Andy Knight, Manager Rebecca Burch, Manager Stephanie Mukai. ROW 2: Manager Ashley Wood, Coach Matt Schulte, Mike VanDusseldorp, Mike Edwards, Jon Erickson, Caleb Seelye, Brady Van Vark, Jason Pfadenhauer, Chris Vos, Chris Corbin, Josh Smith, Matt Van Maanen, Taylor Brummel, Bryce Steenhoek, Coach Jay McKinstrey, Manager Candace Zwank. ROW 3: Manager Jessica Clark, Manager Allison VanHal, Assistant Coach Brian Huddle, Drew Wilson, Brian Melhus, Matt Terlouw, Joe Burch, Jasen Dahm, Andy Hawkins, Jerney Olsen, Matt Goodyk, Jacob Vaverka, Michael Langenfeld, Assistant Coach Gary Vos, Manager Alison Fuggit. Row 4: Assistant Coach Roger DeWaard, Trent Sikkema, Jon Vermeer, Jason Nunnikhoven, Lucas Borgman, Justin Versteeg, Ryan Bettger, Travis Bogaard, Aaron Corbin, Brett Nikkel, Derek Forsythe, Hayes Mc Curry, Assistant Coach Craig Wassenaar.

SCOREBOARD

Pella 21, Washington 0
Pella 27, Osky 6
Pella 28, Knoxville 7
Pella 27, Ballard/Huxley 20
Pella 27, Norwalk 23
Chariton 20, Pella 0

Pella 56, Saydel 0
Pella 14, Clarke 7
Pella 54, Nevada 0
Pella 41, Osky 7
Pella 21, Chariton 7
Mt. Vernon 35, Pella 14

District : 8-1; 2-1, Play-offs. Overall: 11-2

HONORS/AWARDS

Senior **Ryan Salter** (defense), **Josh Smith** (offense) - 1st team, all state; **Salter**, **Travis Bogaard** (defense) and **Mike Edwards**, **Joe Burch**, **Smith** (offense), 1st team, all-district;

Junior **Derek Forsythe**, offense; senior **Jacob Vaverka**, defense, 2nd team all-district;



Jon Vermeer



Coaches



Team



Matt Van Maanen,
Josh Smith



Chris Corbin



Ryan Salter, Joe Burch



Brady VanVark



Mike VanDusseldorp

BURYIN'

•Lauren Birkel

'EM DEEP ON THE COURT



Sierra Smith

Michaela Grob

Rachel Barnes

What'd You Say

Players talk about the game against...



1. Pella Christian. The Lady Dutch lost to cross town opponent Pella Christian in three games. "Even though we didn't come away with a win, I think we proved that we could compete with PC. I thought we were going to pull off the win in the first game. When we didn't, our morale dropped, and we played pretty flat the rest of the match," said senior **Alison Corbett**.

2. Oskaloosa. The varsity found that Oskaloosa was a learning experience. "We played with a lot of heart, but it didn't go our way in the end. We played well, but at that point in the season, they were a better team. A positive outlook was that we saw things that we could work on and improve," said senior **Becky Steenhoek**.

3. Pella Invitational. Knoxville wasn't able to conquer the Dutch on their home court. "The Pella Invitational was a great opportunity for us to play Knoxville again. The team got pumped up, and we conquered Knoxville in two games," said junior **Allison Mansueto**.

4. S.E. Polk & Newton. The Lady Dutch held the S.E. Polk and Newton triangular at home. "I was really happy with the way we performed against both teams. We split with S.E. Polk, but we were definitely the better team. We lost to Newton, but I thought we put up a good fight," said senior **Jordan Bloodworth**.

5. Boone. The game against Boone went to five games, but the Dutch ended up victorious. "The Boone game was so awesome. In the past, Boone has been a very strong team, and we proved that we could play with them. In one game, Boone started to get a long run and took the lead by one, so Coach **Fessler (Bob)** took a timeout just to tell us a joke and get us to relax," said senior **Lacey Beyer**.

◆The first game of district play resulted in a 3-0 Dutch victory over Washington. Senior **Alison Corbett**, right, goes up for a spike on the final play of the game. The Lady Dutch lost in the regional finals to Mt. Pleasant, 3-0. "We came out on the court a different team. Getting to play in the third game was hard because it was my last volleyball game I'd ever play. There were a lot of tears afterwards," said senior **Chrissy Buitenwerf**.

◆The Lady Dutch fired up for their game against rival Knoxville. "Before games we had a traditional routine. We played music while we dressed and played a number of games. The games helped relieve nervousness and allowed us to have fun together. We finished with cheers to fire us up, so we came out with high energy," said senior **Rachel Barnes**. The girls lost the match, 3-0.

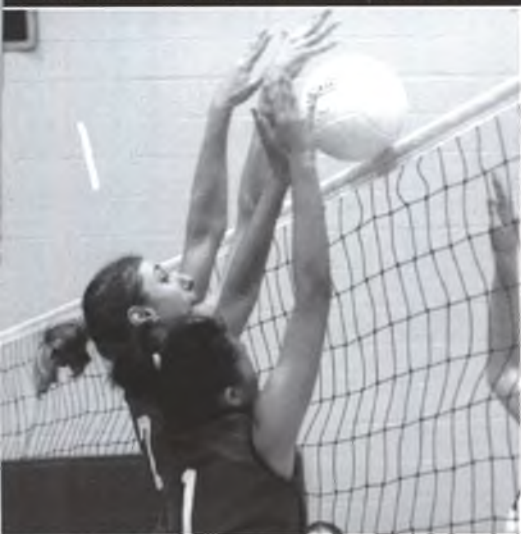




► Junior **Bridget Prescott** focuses on her serve during the S.E. Polk game. "This was our first home game match. It started out season out strong, coming out and winning our first home game," said **Prescott**.



► Senior **Jordan Bloodsworth**, junior **Jordan Williams** and senior **Lindsay VanderWert** cheer during the PC game. "It was great to see the intensity of the girls on the court, and the bench was there to encourage them," said **VanderWert**.



► Seniors **Alison Corbett** and **Angela LoThi** give a strong block during the Pella Invitational. "Since I was the shortest person on the team, getting blocks was a big thing for me. I especially loved doing our roof cheer," said **LoThi**.



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL. Luisa Orticelli, Sierra Smith, Jordan Williams, Becky Steenhoek. **ROW 2:** Jordan Bloodsworth, Allison Mansueto, Lacey Beyer, Lindsay VanderWert, Alison Corbett, Chrissy Buitenwerf. **ROW 3:** Micaela Grob, Rachel Barnes, Angela LoThi, Bridget Prescott, Lara VanWyk.

SCOREBOARD

Ottumwa 3, Pella 1	Hudson 2, Pella 0	Pella 2, Knoxville 0
Pella 3, Boone 2	North Tama 2, Pella 0	Pella 2, PCM 1
Pella 3, S.E. Polk 1	Knoxville 3, Pella 0	Pella 3, Norwalk 0
Newton 3, Pella 1	Newton 2, Pella 0	Pella 2, Knoxville 0
Waukee 3, Pella 1	Pella 2, Carlisle 0	Pella 2, Iowa Falls 0
Oskaloosa 3, Pella 0	Winterset 2, Pella 0	Ames 2, Pella 0
Pella 2, S.E. Polk 1	Mason City 2, Pella 1	Atlantic 2, Pella 0
Iowa City High 2, Pella 0	Boone 2, Pella 1	Pella Christian 2, Pella 0
Pella 2, Hoover 0	Pella 2, Carlisle 0	
Urbandale 2, Pella 0	Pella Christian 3, Pella 0	Districts:
Council Bluffs 2, Pella 0	Pella 2, Jefferson-Scranton 0	Pella 3, Washington 0
Pella 3, Grinnell 0	Pella 2, Mediapolis 0	Pella 3, Knoxville
Pella 2, Grinnell 0	North Mahaska 2, Pella 0	Mt. Pleasant 3, Pella 0

Conference: 3-4; Play-offs: 2-1. Overall: 17-20

HONORS/AWARDS

All-State Special Mention, junior **Bridgett Prescott**; All-Conference First Team: **Prescott**; Second Team: junior **Allison Mansueto**; Honorable Mention: senior **Alison Corbett**, sophomore **Sierra Smith**



Becky Steenhoek



Lacey Beyer,
Becky Steenhoek



Ashley Meirick,
Hillary Van Horn



Fans



Bridget Prescott



Coach Bob Fessler

RUNNERS

•Amanda Veenstra

QUALIFY FOR 13TH TRIP TO STATE



Casey Flanagan



Kelsey Den Adel



Mike VanderHoek

What'd You Say

Runners talk about the meet against...



1. Southeast Polk. When the season begins, it's a safe bet that the weather will be extremely hot. "I don't think there are any effects; it's just the mindset of the runners," said Coach **Brian Kime**. All of the meets were away this year. "It wasn't that bad because even if we had a home meet, no one would really come and support us, so it isn't that big of a deal," said senior **Justin Caldwell**.

2. Oskaloosa. "The real highlight of the Oskaloosa meet was that the top 66 runners got medals...you didn't have to work that hard to medal," said junior **Josh Pommer**.

3. Southeast Polk. Freshman **Trey Behning** ran for varsity as a freshman. **Behning** finished 49th of 102 runners at the Southeast Polk meet.

4. Oskaloosa. Waiting for their race to be called, the teams sit and think about what's to come. "The whole team, including myself, were worried about how we would perform. The previous day we were running at the South Tama meet, and I was still recovering. At the finish, I gave the best kick possible and a girl from PC and myself were very close. We finished a strong third, and none of us were ashamed," said freshman **Kayli Hrdlicka**.

5. Chariton. Despite the 40 degree weather, the teams ran well. Senior **Chris Orr** finished 18th. "The meet was cold, and it was one of the funner meets because of the different terrain we got to run on," said **Orr**. Every year after the race is over at Chariton, the boys jump into the lake located by the finish line. "Jumping into the lake is crazy and cold. We mainly do it as a junior varsity team because Chariton is our last meet, and we want something to remember the season by," said sophomore **Derek Russell**.

♦Senior **Amber Breuklander** finished second at the Southeast Polk meet, :07 seconds behind the first place runner. "As the first meet of the season, it was probably the meet everyone was the most nervous for. Nobody was really sure how it was going to turn out and how strong the new team was. The girls' team dominated the meet. The Southeast Polk meet set the precedent for the success of the rest of the season," said **Breuklander**.

♦Senior **Dan George** merges ahead of his opponent in the Oskaloosa Invitational. **George** placed 37th in that meet (19:39). "I didn't think adolescent boys were supposed to hit their peak at age 15, so this year was somewhat disappointing," said **George**, noting that his sophomore year of cross country was his best. "My body seemed to be fond of mono, which didn't work out when one tried to participate in a sport requiring large quantities of energy."

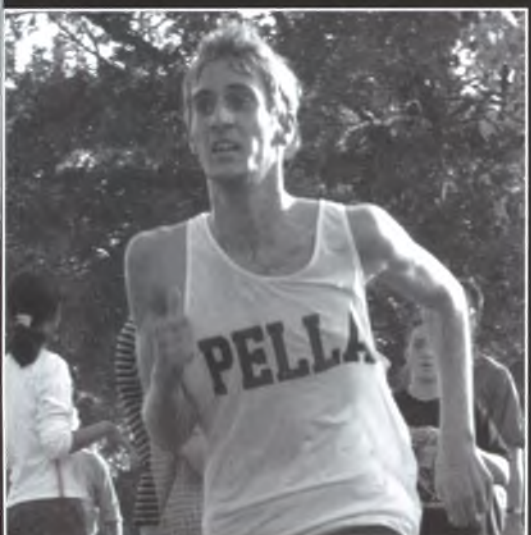




◆ Junior **Megan Renaud** and senior **Amber Breuklander** compete in the first meet at Southeast Polk, a meet won by the Lady Dutch.



◆ Senior **Donald Trotter** ran for the junior varsity at the Oskaloosa Invitational. "I came in 64th and got a medal. All I wanted was the medal," said **Trotter**.



◆ Junior **Josh Pommer** ran in the varsity race at the Oskaloosa Invitational. **Pommer** finished in 40th place with a time of 19:48.



BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY. Joey Santiago, Trey Behning, Mike VanderHoek, Curtis Brobst, Josh Pommer, Corey L'Esperance. **ROW 2:** Derek Russell, Walker Bell, Bruno Orticeili, Cory Fitzsimmons, Justin Caldwell. **ROW 3:** Chris Orr, Don Trotter, Dan George, Todd Schuring, Taylor Lind, Casey Flanagan.



GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY. Sarah Stuckey, Amber Breuklander, Megan Renaud. **ROW 2:** Manager Anna Stuckey, Gracie Egglund, Jennifer Pothoven, Manager Hillary Renaud. **ROW 3:** Kayli Hrdlicka, Anna Mansueto, Manager Michelle Hiemstra, Kelsey Den Adel, Renae Van Roekel.

SCOREBOARD

	GIRLS	GUYS
@SE Polk	1st	5th
@Grinnell	4th	3rd
@Davis County	1st	2nd
@South Tama	1st	3rd
@Oskaloosa	3rd	5th
@Newton	5th	12th
@Knoxville	3rd	3rd
@Centerville	3rd	2nd
@Little Hawkeye Conference,		
Norwalk	1st	3rd
@Chariton	1st	2nd
@Districts	2nd	5th
@State	14th	

Honors/Awards:

All-Conference: Senior **Amber Breuklander**, junior **Megan Renaud**, freshman **Gracie Egglund**, freshman **Renee Van Roekel**.

WINNERS

JV, 9th post 500+ records

•Kristen Burghorn

NO REGRETS

Junior varsity and freshmen teams kept "no regrets" in the backs of their minds all season. Both teams ended with .500+ seasons. The JV lost only one game, to Ballard-Huxley, ending their season 7-1. The freshman team ended the year at 6-3. After losing three of the first four games, they won the last five. In the game against Oskaloosa, freshman **Philip Beyer** follows through with his punt to the Indians.



(Playing football is) aggressive when you get to hit people, intense when you're down by a lot and you come back to win, and an adrenaline rush.

Freshman
Philip Beyer

I didn't feel much pressure because I had confidence in myself and my teammates to win our games.

Sophomore
Jason Dole



CALLING THE SHOTS

Sophomore **Jason Dole** and freshman **Brandon Caldwell** earned the signal-calling roles for the JV and ninth grade teams. **Caldwell** said it was a job that required devotion and hard work. "It can be complicating. There's a lot of pressure, and if you screw up, you feel like you've let the team down. There's also a lot of memorizing the plays," said **Caldwell**.

BR A K A . ?

Sophomore **Tonna Phiv** goes for a low pass in the game against Knoxville. "Our season went really great, and when (sophomore) **Derek (Roorda)** got hurt, I felt really bad It was great because we played together at a varsity game at the same time," **Phiv** said. Injuries were inevitable for football players, ranging from sprained ankles to more serious situations. Freshman **Skyler Verros** broke his finger, putting him on the sidelines for one game. **Roorda** broke his collarbone, causing him to be on the sidelines five games. A broken hand left junior **Brad De Wild** on the sidelines all season.



RE K N' HR UGH

Freshman **Clayton Boeyink** runs the ball against two Oskaloosa defenders. The Dutch lost to the Indians, 21-14. "We started off really bad and sort of turned it around at the end. Overall, it was pretty disappointing," said **Boeyink**.





JV FOOTBALL



JUNIOR VARSITY. Ross Way, Derek Van Wyk, Kyle Erickson, Thomas Salz, Jason Kingma, A.J. Nunnikoven. **ROW 2:** Josh Bogaard, Jason Dole, Jon Tangen, Travis Chapman, David Visser, Jay Mathes, Derek Roorda. **ROW 3:** Kerry Van Hemert, Andrew Santiago, Brad Janssen, Troy Smith, Mitch McFarland, Tonna Phiv.

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL



FRESHMEN. Jordan Ver Steeg, Zach Morgan, Reid Lanser, Philip Beyer, Spencer Wissler, Klarc Korver, Kevin Bills, Brandon Caldwell, Mason Fillmore. **ROW 2:** Cody Jones, Skyler Verros, Aaron Steenhoek, Brady Bogaard, Clayton Boeyink, Kaleb Korver, Greg Langenfeld, Andy Crosby, Kyle Dickenson, Wes Mc Nabb. **ROW 3:** Michael Holthaus, Drew Randol, Colin Boswell, Ryan Pfadenhauer, Anton Fuller, Riley Cooper, Nick Corbin, Wyatt Goodrich.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Pella 49, Washington, 0
 Pella 21, Oskaloosa 20
 Pella 26, Knoxville 22
 Ballard 18, Pella 6
 Pella 20, Norwalk 0
 Pella 16, Chariton 6
 Pella 56, Saydel 0
 Pella 14, Clarke 7
 Record: 7-1

FRESHMEN

Washington 21, Pella 8
 Oskaloosa 21, Pella 14
 Pella 14, Knoxville 8
 Ballard 26, Pella 14
 Pella 37, Norwalk 8
 Pella 28, Chariton 12
 Pella 24, Saydel 0
 Pella 18, Clarke 14
 Pella 32, Nevada 16
 Record: 6-3

CHAMPS

JV, 9th claim shares of LHC titles

•Stephanie Pearson

PLAYIN' THE GAME

Sophomore **Megan Renaud**, right, sets up to bump for the Oct. 10 tournament hosted here. The JV team dominated the courts this year, ending with a 7-0 conference record and the conference championship. Their overall record was 21-3-3.

For sophomore **Tiffany Alft**, playing the right position made the season fun.

"I played the middle position. It helped that I was tall so I could get over the net," said Alft. "I liked it a lot because you're in all the action."



The unity our team had this past season was really strong. It made playing more enjoyable, and we played much better because of our closeness.

Sophomore
Megan Renaud

Our accomplishments were amazing. We became one team instead of a group of individuals. We never gave up; we stayed in the game and encouraged each other to the very end.

Freshman
LaDonna Haning



BUMP IT UP

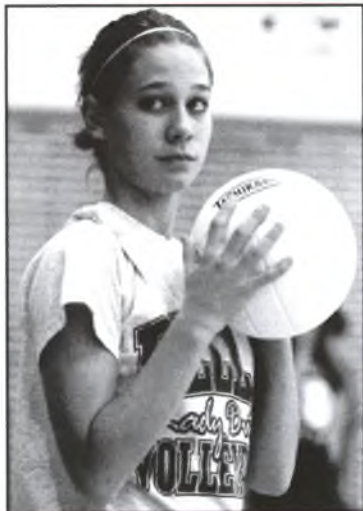
Freshman **LaDonna Haning**, left, sets up to bump during a tournament. The Pella freshman team had a 23-4-2 record and were 6-1 in the conference meet, making them the co-champions of the conference.

For freshman **Lindley Roorda**, high school volleyball had its benefits in comparison to middle school volleyball.

"High school volleyball was a lot more competitive, a lot more important and a lot more fun," said Roorda.

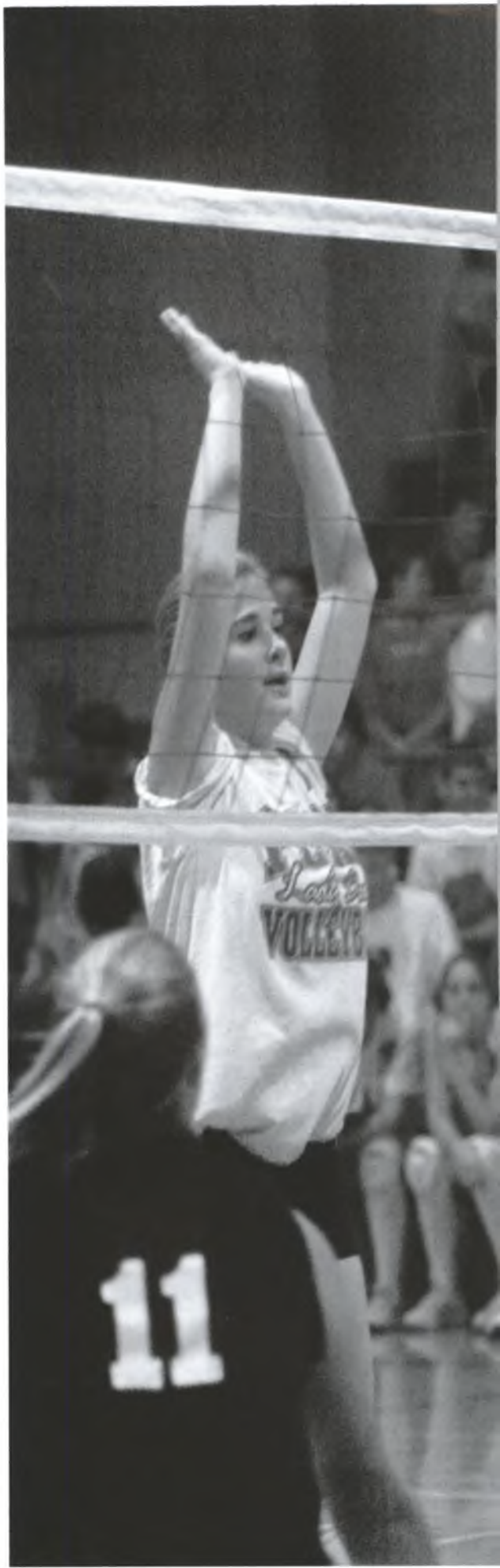
STRATEGIZE

Sophomore **Ashley Meirick** concentrates on her serve during a game in the Pella tournament. The sophomore team played three games and had an overall record of 1-2. "We beat PC at their tournament. We started our game at 9:45 p.m. and didn't finish until after 10:30. It was a blast playing the girls all night long," said Meirick.



BLOCK IT

Junior **Luisa Orticelli** jumps to block a spike against Norwalk, a team the JV defeated, 2-0. "(The highlight of the season was) getting as far as last year's team because no one really believed in us, but we made it," said Orticelli.





JV VOLLEYBALL



JUNIOR VARSITY. Kiley Phillips, Hillary VanHorn, Shelly Nunnikhoven. **ROW 2:** Megan Renaud, Natalia Plahotnaya, Brenna Boat, Erika Engelbrecht, Jessica Terlouw, Laurel VanDusseldorp, Meagan Dahlin. **ROW 3:** Coach Brenda Versteeg, Kayla Schuring, Rachael Lent, Pady Fontana, April Stursma, Luisa Orticelli, Ashley Meirick, Jordan Williams, Tiffany Alft, Janell Bollard, Alexandra Linn, Takara Hrdlicka.

9TH VOLLEYBALL



FRESHMEN Tressa Versteeg, Kayla De Jong, Danielle DeHaan, Alyssa Brobst, Sarah Schuring, Erin Kraayenbrink, Lindley Roorda, Jill Sorensen. **ROW 2:** Kathy Schuring, Alison Muller, Heather Elsloo, Kirsten VanDusseldorp, Elizabeth Bandstra, Jackie Linn, Allison Engelbrecht, Emily Wineland. **ROW 3:** Manager Elizabeth DePenning, Emily Scheckel, Nikki Hawkins, LaDonna Haning, Heather Borgman, Katie Williamson, Asheley Kephart, Lauren Mason.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Ottumwa 2, Pella 0
 Pella 2, Boone 0
 Pella 2, SEP 0
 Pella 2, Newton 0
 Pella 2, Waukee 1
 Pella 2, Oskaloosa 0
 Pella 2, NU High 1
 Pella 2, South Tama 1
 Pella 3, Union 0
 Pella 2, Eldora/New
 Providence 0
 Pella 2, Hudson 0
 Newton 2, Pella 0
 Pella 1, PCM 1
 Pella 1, Knoxville 1
 Pella 2, Grinnell 0

Pella 2, PCM 0
 Davis County 1, Pella 2
 Pella 2, PC 1
 Pella 2, Knoxville 0
 Pella 2, Boone 0
 Pella 1, Oskaloosa 1
 Pella 2, Knoxville 0
 Pella 2, Winterset 0
 Pella 2, PC 0
 Pella 2, South Tama 0
 Ottumwa 2, Pella 1 (10th)
 Pella 2, Waukee 0 (10th)
 S. Tama 2, Pella 0 (10th)

 7-0, Conference
 21-3-3, Overall

FRESHMEN

Ottumwa 2, Pella 0
 Pella 2, Waukee 0
 Pella 2, Norwalk 0
 Pella 1, Knoxville 1
 Pella 2, Boone 0
 Pella 2, Newton 0
 Pella 2, SEP 0
 Urbandale Tourn. 6-4
 Pella 2, Grinnell 0
 Pella 2, Oskaloosa 0

Pella 1, PC 1
 Waukee 2, Pella 1
 Pella 2, Oskaloosa 1
 PC Tourn. 14-0
 Pella 2, Grinnell 0
 Pella 2, Knoxville 1
 Pella 2, Winterset 1
 Pella 2, PC 0
 Pella 2, Norwalk 0

23-4-2 Overall
 6-1 Conference

FORTE & CHEERLEADERS

•Suzanne Wares

DANCE, CHEER AND MOVE TO THE BEAT

What'd You Say

Squads remember
highlights of their year...



1. Veteran. Senior **Annie Ter Louw** has been dancing for nearly 10 years and has been in Forté four years of high school. "I started out dancing in a studio and did mostly jazz/modern dance. When I was in eighth grade, I started to get more interested in modern dance. I tried out for Forté, not really knowing what their style was. Throughout high school, I've begun to love hip hop/funk. I just like to have fun when I'm dancing," said **Ter Louw**.

2. Competitions. The White Forté squad traveled to Shawnee Mission, Kan., a suburb of Kansas City, to perform at the Marching Auxiliaries Regional Competition. The squad walked away with eight awards. "The girls worked really hard. I think military ended up being our strong point at competition. I'm proud of how well we did at competition," said junior **Heather Ross**, squad captain.

3. Practices. Hours of practicing paid off as the teams won top awards in competitions. "One of my favorite things about Forté was performing. I loved showing all the hard work we do. I also enjoyed going to Kansas City for a competition. It was such a fun time to hang out with everyone," said freshman **Mary Fox**.

4. Rookie. Sophomore **Liesel Schroder** was a member of Green Forté for the first time this year. "I really like performing, especially when we prepared for and performed at state. We came home with many awards, friendships and a lot of fun stories that I'll never forget!" said **Schroder**.

5. State. Football cheerleaders cheered at the UNI Dome when the team advanced to the state semi-finals. Junior **Danielle Jacobson** said she enjoyed the entire season. "It was a great experience to get to know all the girls and be able to help cheer on the football team," said **Jacobson**.



Amanda Miller

Brianna Ybarrola

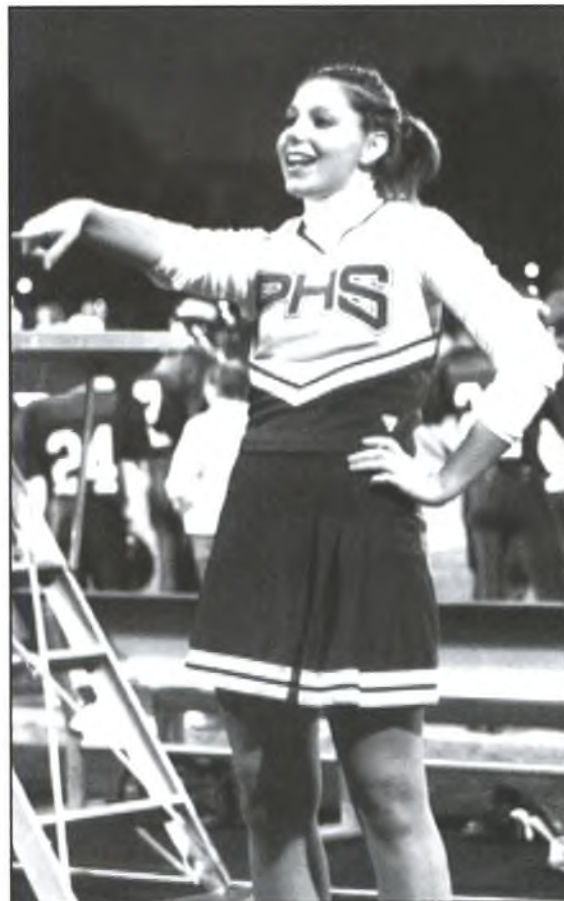
Laurel
Van Dusseldorp

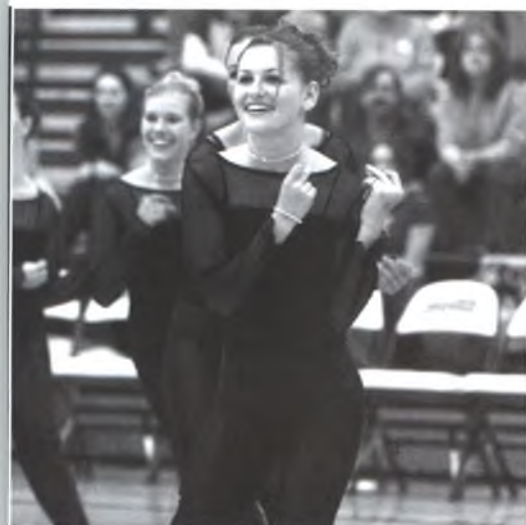
Blair Verhoef

Erika Ter Louw,
Cassie Fitzsimmons

◆Spending time with the girls was sophomore **Lindsey Hoopes'** favorite part of the season. "We all laughed and cried together. The worst part was all the drama. We had times when we needed breaks from each other and from cheering. It was also hard when people wouldn't appreciate our school spirit," said **Hoopes**.

◆Both ups and downs were a part of the cheerleading season for sophomore **Michelle Mitchell**. "It was nice to gain a group of friends, but the new warm-ups didn't keep us very warm in really cold weather. It was awesome performing at the UNI Dome. We did a stunt. It wasn't the best, but it was cool being able to do it," said **Mitchell**.





◆ Learning the routines were not always easy and took hours of practicing. "I actually learned my solo competition routine in only two-and-a-half weeks before the competition, but once I learned it, I practiced it every day," said junior **Naína Barnett**.



◆ Making new friendships was one of the many benefits of being a cheerleader. "Being a wrestling cheerleader allowed me to get closer to the cheerleaders and also become better friends with a few of the wrestlers. We all worked hard and had fun, which made it a really enjoyable experience," said junior **Jackie Van Veldhuizen**.



◆ Having the opportunity to perform for large crowds was a given for Forté members. "Performing in front of big crowds was a really thrilling experience. It also helped get the adrenaline moving!" said sophomore **Erika Ter Louw**.



FORTÉ GREEN. Lindsay Graham, Kelly Eysink, Annie Ter Louw, Sara Steenhoek. **ROW 2:** Chelsea Pelland, Erika Engelbrecht, Brianna Ybarrola, Angela McNaughton, Ashley Roorda, Kyrsten Klein, Suzi Steenhoek. **ROW 3:** Blake Kermode, Megan Bender, Amanda Miller, Skyler Dobernecker, Courtney Lehmkuhl, Liesel Schroder. **NOT PICTURED:** Naína Barnett



FORTÉ WHITE. Mary Fox, Heather Ross, Lacey Pender, Laurel Van Dusseldorp, Katelyn Dingeman. **ROW 2:** Erika Ter Louw, Luisa Orticelli, Janell Bollard, Jacki Linn, Margaret McCann, Liz DePenning. **ROW 3:** Katie Ozinga, Alyssa Haman, Blair Verhoef, Ashley Dorman, Kristine Kermode, Cassie Fitzsimmons.



WRESTLING CHEERLEADERS. Jenny Torres, Jackie Van Veldhuizen. **Row 2:** Kara Fillmore, Tiffany Goldman, Natalia Plahotnaya.



FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS. Sara Collins, Michelle Mitchell, Lindsey Hoopes, Danielle Jacobson, Jackie Van Veldhuizen

HONORS/AWARDS

White Squad: Marching Auxiliaries Regional Competition

- Sweepstakes, military, kick, pom
- Outstanding Choreography, military, pom
- Outstanding Technique, military, kick, pom

Green Squad: State Competition:

- 2nd, military; 3rd, pom; 4th, jazz

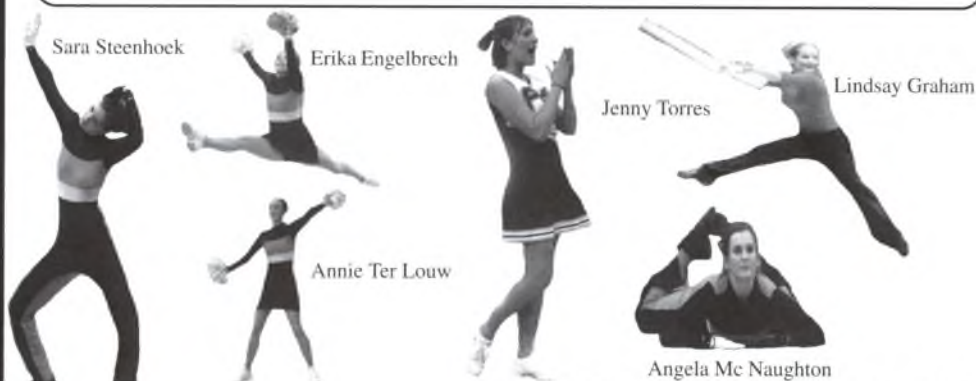
All-State:

- Annie Ter Louw, Kyrsten Klein, Naína Barnett, Lindsay Graham, Sara Steenhoek

Iowa State Drill/Dance Team Association Solo Competition:

- Lindsay Graham, 1st

- Green and White squads performed at Pella Corporation to help raise money for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The squads raised approximately \$5,000.



WINNERS

Intramurals crown ...

•Blair Verhoef

COMPETITION

Some students took the intramural games seriously while others took the games more lightheartedly. "It was a blast playing volleyball. It gave me something to do after school, and it wasn't something that was serious so you could just mess around," said senior **Chelsea Freese**. Others enjoyed the intramural sports for other reasons. "Intramural soccer was a nice break from the real competition," said senior **Matt Schnell**.



*That is no moped, I rode my friend's; it's a hog. I hope to see **Taylor (Brummel)** ride that road warrior, where it belongs, on the open road.*

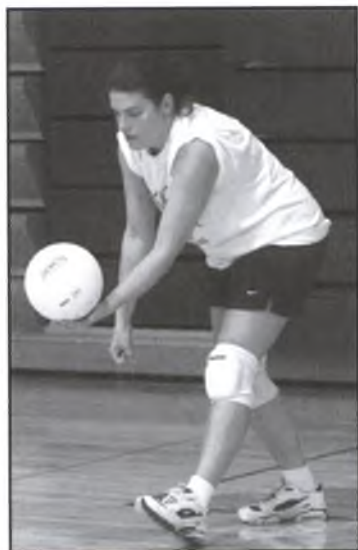
Senior
Matt Terlouw

(Terlouw and a group of friends usually rode one of two mopeds to sand volleyball meets.)



FACULTY REIGNS

Intramural volleyball proved to be a big hit for many students. Seven teams competed against each other. Winning a free tee shirt and claiming the title of "intramural champions" was a big accomplishment for an intramural team. The intramural team who reigned over the rest of the competition, had to play the faculty team in one last game. The faculty team barely defeated the student team, due to many controversial calls. "Experience overrode athleticism, and the faculty won fair and square," said **Karen Ryals**, resource room instructor. Ryals was a member of the winning faculty team.



*Our frontline consisting of me, **J.P. (Josh Smith)**, and **T-Ray (Travis Bogaard)** was undestructable. No team could return the fury of our massive spikes smashing into their faces.*

Senior
Taylor Brummel

FROM THE CHAMPS

Memories were made and lessons learned while participating in intramural sports. Students reflected on their games and performances and were generally pleased, but some wished they could change things. "We were a good team. Take out some of our girls, and we would have dominated the faculty," said senior **Ryan Salter**. For senior **Dan George**, he had mixed feelings about being the champion of table tennis. "I suppose I won't be the champion until **Mr. (Bryan) Mours** stops dodging me. He always seemed to have an appointment or date when we were supposed to play. I don't hold those dates against him because **Tracy (Mours' wife)** is a nice girl," said **George**.

MAKING A MOVE

Senior **Kyle Eastwood**, returns the ping pong ball to his opponent in one of the table tennis matches during fall intramurals. "I liked the ping, but the pong was even better," said **Eastwood**.



IMChamps

TABLE TENNIS

Advanced Singles: **Dan George**
Advanced Doubles: **Louis VanderStreek,**
Dan George
Intermediate Singles: **Matt Scharff**
Beginner Singles: **Bjorn Bagnell**
Beginner Doubles: **Mary Fox,**
Kirsten Van Dusseldorp

TEAM TENNIS

Lindsy Blair
Bruno Orticelli
Collin Boswell
Dan George

BADMINTON

Singles: **Austin Ewell**
Doubles: **Markus Meyers,**
Austin Ewell



SOCCER

Louis VanderStreek
Alex Schuring
Matt Schnell
Corissa Williams
David Trotter
Nathan Van Kampen
Josh Jaarsma

VOLLEYBALL

Louis VanderStreek
Todd Schuring
Chelsea Freese
Alex Schuring
Matt Snyder
Dan George
Brady Van Vark

SAND VOLLEYBALL

Suzanne Wares
Hillary Van Horn
Sierra Smith
Matt Goodyk
Josh Smith
Taylor Brummel
Ryan Salter
Drew Wilson
Tyler Boeyink
Matt Terlouw



LADY DUTCH

•Angela LoThi

REACH STATE FOR FOURTH STRAIGHT YEAR

Paige Nelson



Emily Bensink

What'd You Say

Players talk about the
game against...



1. **Pella Christian.** Senior **Tara Sorensen** bounced back in the Pella vs. Pella Christian battle. **Sorensen** underwent surgery after tearing her ACL at a summer basketball camp in August. "I was so excited going into the PC game because it was my first game back from being hurt. The adrenaline rush I felt made the whole experience of getting to play with my teammates again worth the pain and frustration I went through," said **Sorensen**. The Lady Dutch fell short 42-35. **Sorensen** scored 16 points.

2. **Knoxville.** Junior **Bobbi Van Zante** whispers to junior **Jordan Williams** during the first district game against Knoxville. "I think everyone was confident. We were excited because we were on our way to accomplishing our goal, which was going to state," said **Williams**.

3. **Boone.** "It was an important game because we needed to keep our momentum going with our wins. Offensively, we were in sync and had good ball movements. Defensively, they threw things at us that we weren't accustomed to, so defensively we had an off night," said senior **Lara Van Wyk**, dribbling pass a Boone defender. **VanWyk** had 17 points.

4. **Winterset.** The Lady Dutch prospered through Knoxville, Norwalk and Winterset. Senior **Alison Corbett** boxes out her man for a rebound. "They were a tough team, but we were determined to come away with the win. The fact that it was such a close game made the victory even sweeter!" said **Corbett**. The Dutch won, 42-40.

5. **Charles City.** It was back to the Barn for the Lady Dutch and for some seniors, it was the first time stepping onto the state floor. Senior **Lindsey Vander Wert** guards a Comet player. "To finally be able to step onto the court, it gave me a feeling of accomplishment and what I've been able to overcome through the years," said **Vander Wert**.

♦The first game against Pella Christian, the Lady Dutch fell short 42-35. They came back to redeem themselves in the second game, winning 43-42. Senior **Kristin Van Zee** puts up a shot with PC players on the defense. "Our strategy was to make good judgments and not turn the ball over so much, and as always, work hard. It always felt good to win, but even better knowing that it put us in first for the conference," said **Van Zee**.

♦After the buzzer, the varsity girls rush to give junior **Lindsy Blair** a group hug. **Blair** made the winning lay-up at the last second in the game against Winterset to advance to state. "I dove in trying to get fouled, and the defenders kind of just backed off so I had a lay-up. I was extremely happy when we won," said **Blair** about her winning field goal. The win advanced the team to the state tournament.





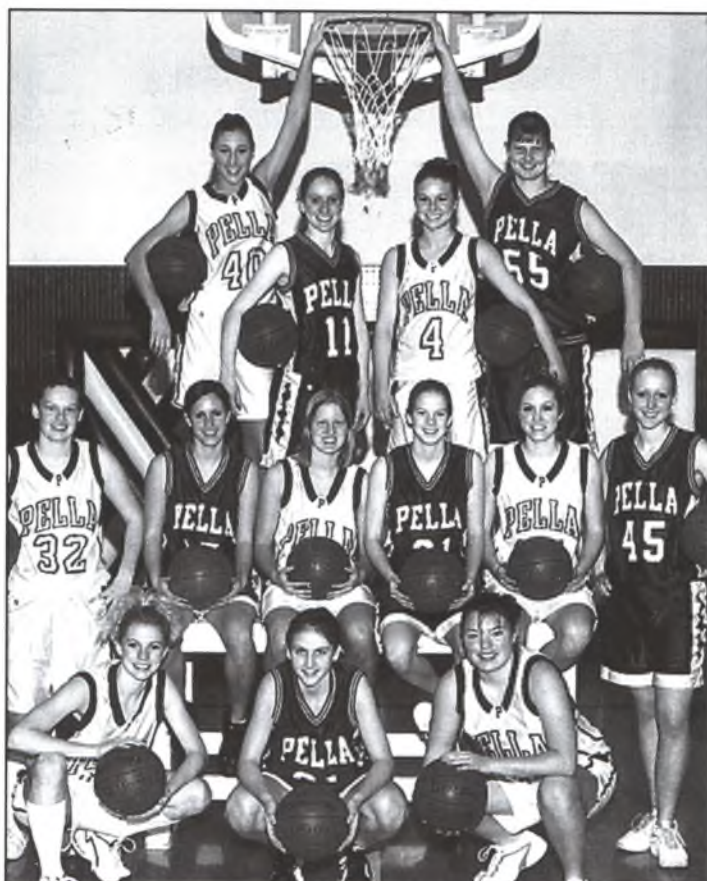
►Senior **Whitney Metcalf** dribbles past a Knoxville defender in the Lady Dutch's first district game. "Going into the game, I knew that I was going to do absolutely everything it took to walk away with a win," said **Metcalf**.



►Junior **Bridget Prescott** goes up for a shot at state against the Charles City Comets. The girls lost, 50-30. "It was the greatest feeling to know that the team that wasn't supposed to make it made it but the downfall was leaving injured," said **Prescott**.



►Seniors **Emily Bensink** and **Tara Sorensen** hug after the win against Winterset. "Winning was awesome. Having **Tara** out for half the season left a huge void on our team. With her back, it lifted the team to new heights. We were underdogs, but we knew we had nothing to lose and everything to gain!" said **Bensink**.



VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL. Sierra Smith, Bridget Prescott, Bobbi VanZante. **ROW 2:** Ashley Vander Hart, Jordan Williams, Lara VanWyk, Lindsey Blair, Whitney Metcalf, Lindsey Vander Wert. **ROW 3:** Alison Corbett, Emily Bensink, Tara Sorensen, Kristin Van Zee.

SCOREBOARD

Pella 39, E'ville-B'burg 35
Pella 54, Davis County 35
Norwalk 59, Pella 51
Mt. Pleasant 52, Pella 45
Pella 70, Waukee 36
Pella 59, Grinnell 46
Pella Christian 42, Pella 35
Pella 42, Knoxville 32
Pella 48, Oskaloosa 41
Pella 59, PCM 49
Pella 62, Boone 47
Pella 55, Grinnell 49
Pella 60, Waukee 46
Pella 58, Norwalk 36
Washington 53, Pella 42

Pella 45, Pella Christian 42
Pella 73, Knoxville 63
Pella 56, Indianola 40
Pella 49, Boone 32
Pella 38, Oskaloosa 32
Regionals/Sub-State
Pella 62, Knoxville 52
Pella 47, Norwalk 32
Pella 42, Winterset 40
State Tournament First Round
Charles City 50, Pella 30

Conference: 12-2, LHC champs.
Overall: 19-5

HONORS/AWARDS

All-State Third Team: Tara Sorensen; LHC: 1st Team: Tara Sorensen; 2nd Team: Lara Van Wyk, Lindsey Blair; Honorable Mention: Whitney Metcalf, Kristin Van Zee

Ashley Vander Hart



Bobbi VanZante



Varsity Bench



LITTLE DUTCH

•Suzanne Wares

BEAT THE ODDS WIN LHC TITLE



Nick Hartson

Matt Goodyk

Clayton Boeyink

What'd You Say

Players talk about the game against...



1. **Knoxville.** The rivalry between Pella and Knoxville created a competitive and exciting atmosphere for both the players and fans. "Playing Knoxville was always intense because they came out hard and wanted to beat us. We didn't play the prettiest game, but we came out with a win," said senior **Matt Goodyk**.

2. **Oskaloosa.** Winning the Little Hawkeye Conference crown has almost become a tradition for the varsity team. "Our second game against Osky was awesome because we played with a desire to win while still having fun. The best memory was after our victory. We won and became the Little Hawkeye Conference champs," said senior **Jason Pfadenhauer**.

3. **Grinnell.** The intensity of each game can have a great impact on the outcome of the game. "I really liked playing against Grinnell because each game had a tournament atmosphere, and the fans from each team really helped bring the intensity to the game," said junior **Justin Ver Steeg**.

4. **Waterloo East.** Being on the varsity basketball as a freshman was an accomplishment for four players. "It was such an awesome time getting to play in front of all those people. Most of all I enjoyed getting to know my teammates better and hanging out with them outside practice and games," said freshman **Klarc Korver**.

5. **Pella Christian.** Junior **Yupeng Jin** remembered the great teamwork and intensity during the first game against Pella Christian. "We pulled together as a team and played really good defense. We played tough throughout the game and came out with a great victory," said **Jin**. Pella Christian won the second game against the Little Dutch.

♦Junior **Taylor Lind** was a starter the entire season. "The basketball season was very fun and full of team unity. At points it was frustrating, but we had a great season and overcame many doubts that people had put against us. One of my favorite games we played was our third game against Grinnell. We played very well, and it just felt great to win and do something that people didn't expect out of us," said **Lind**.

♦Senior **Josh Smith** goes up for the shot during the Pella Christian game and gets fouled. He went to the free throw line and made both shots for the Dutch. **Smith** led the Dutch as a captain in his second year of varsity basketball. "The season was awesome, filled with exciting games and fun. We grew closer as a team and were able to have a lot of success. Winning the LHC, despite everyone expecting us to finish fourth or fifth, was one of my favorite memories," said **Smith**.

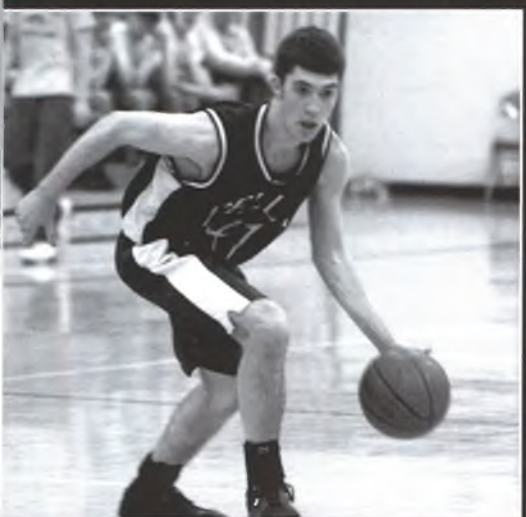




◆ The exciting games, the practices, the friendships. All were a part of the season. "It was always fun when the team spent the night after games, especially the nights when **Austin Ewell** would make dinosaur noises till all hours of the night on my karaoke machine," said senior **Brady Van Vark**.



◆ Junior **Travis Bogaard** enjoyed his first year of playing varsity basketball. "It was a great experience to play varsity basketball. Getting to know the guys on the team and hanging out with them all the time was a lot of fun," said **Bogaard**.



◆ Memories were made on and off the court by the team. "Getting together for team meals and hanging out after the games was one of my favorite things this season. The season, overall, was exciting and an awesome experience to remember forever," said senior **Nick Hartson**.



BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL. Bruno Orticelli, Klarc Korver, Kaleb Korver, Matt Goodyk, Brady Van Vark, Yupeng Jin, Clayton Boeyink, Justin Ver Steeg. **ROW 2:** Nick Hartson, Taylor Lind, Travis Bogaard, Austin Ewell, Josh Smith, Jason Pfadenhauer, Brandon Caldwell.

SCOREBOARD

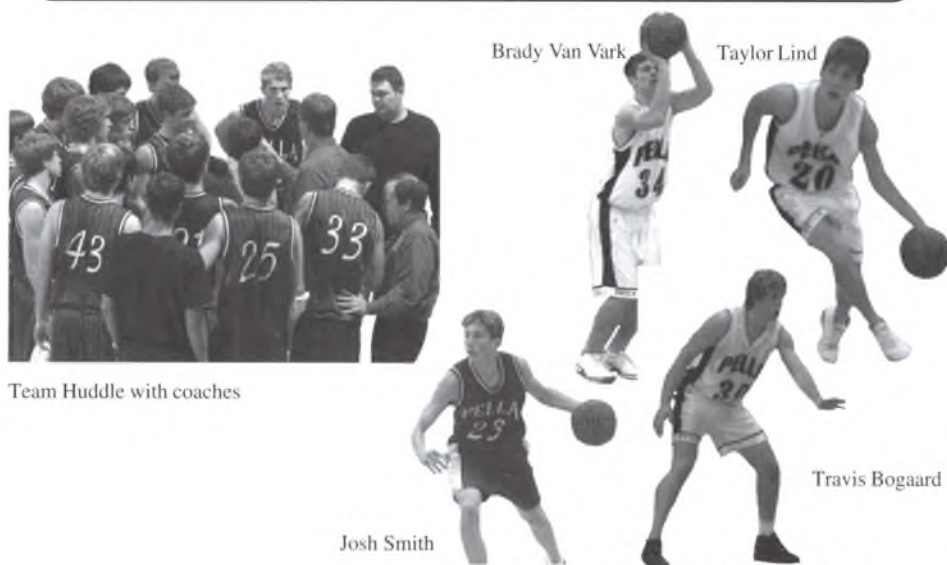
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Pella 68, Albia 57
Pella 68, Grinnell 58
Waterloo East 93, Pella 57
Pella 52, Pella Christian 41
Pella 69, Knoxville 48
Oskaloosa 71, Pella 56
Pella 62, Boone 29
Grinnell 51, Pella 32
Pella 59, Waukee 41
Pella 69, Norwalk 67
Pella 73, CR Prairie 67
Pella Christian 41, Pella 34

Pella 50, Knoxville 41
Pella 89, Boone 59
Pella 72, Oskaloosa 56
Centerville 66, Pella 53
PCM 71, Pella 48
Mt. Pleasant 55, Pella 49
Washington 65, Pella 63
Districts/Sub-State:
Pella 84, South Tama 64
Pella 69, Grinnell 60
Benton Comm. 75, Pella 60

LHC Record: 11-3
Overall Record: 15-9

HONORS/AWARDS

Little Hawkeye Conference: Josh Smith, unanimous choice, first team; Taylor Lind, second team; Travis Bogaard, second team; Nick Hartson, honorable mention; Brady Van Vark, honorable mention.



Team Huddle with coaches

Josh Smith

Travis Bogaard

WRESTLERS

•Lauren Oscarson

NAIL 'EM TO THE MAT



Andrew Doyle

Coach
Bryant
Hancock



Drew Wilson

What'd You Say

Players talk about the
meets against...



1. Pella Inv. Senior **Drew Wilson** gets into a tight position at the meet, but still enjoys it. "We had a lot of fun wrestling at the Pella Inv., and it was great to wrestle in front of a home crowd," said **Wilson**.

2. Knoxville. "It was the first meet. I was kind of nervous because I had a lot to prove to the other wrestlers and the coaches so I could pull my own weight on the team. It was the first time I had to wrestle before varsity, and it was fun," said freshman **Spencer Wissler**.

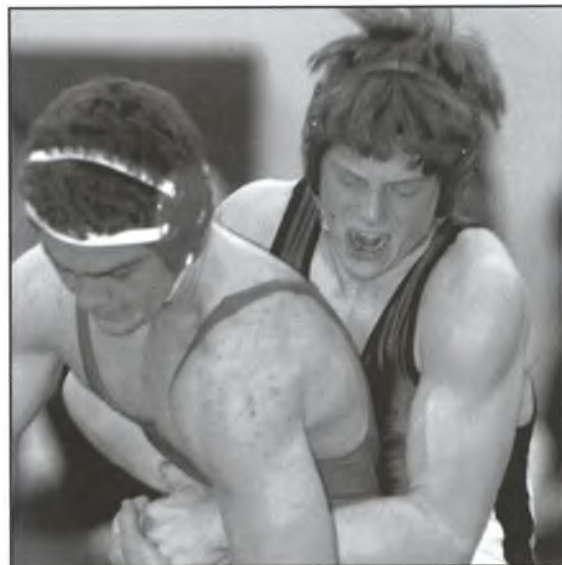
3. Boone. Freshman **Corey L'Esperance** also participated in wrestling for the first time this season. He said he decided to wrestle due to senior **Justin Caldwell**'s influence. "I was glad I did because I loved it." Regarding the Boone match, **L'Esperance** said, "It was pretty fun because you got to feel the rush before you got on the mat. It was a heart-pounding experience."

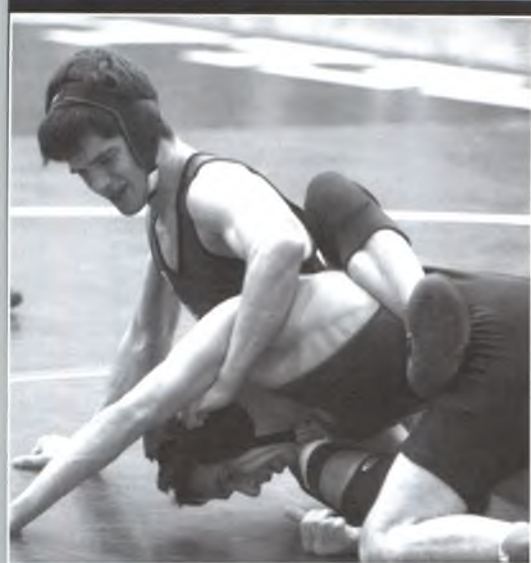
4. Albia. "Wrestling Albia was always a meet that I looked forward to because I knew you could beat on someone. It made it more fun that **Brian Melhus** (senior) and I wrestled twin brothers, and we pinned both of them," said senior **Joe Burch**.

5. Grinnell. "I didn't get to wrestle after the Grinnell match because of my injury, so I was glad I got to wrestle, but I hated the fact that it was my last match," said senior **Justin Caldwell**. **Caldwell** was unable to wrestle the rest of the season due to back injury.

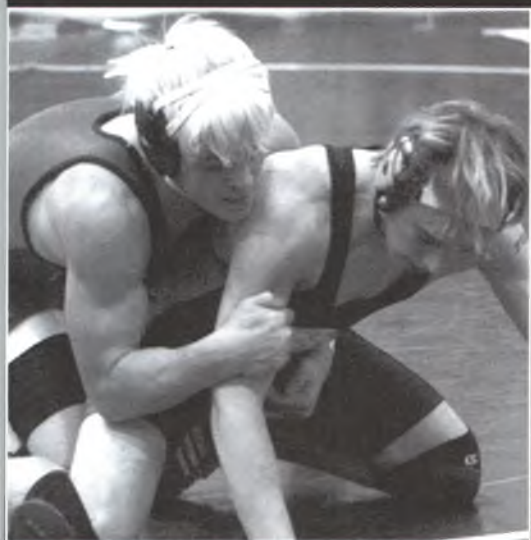
◆ Sophomore **Troy Smith** goes for the take down against an opponent. He finished third place at districts, one away from going to state. "The most memorable part at districts was actually when **Joe (Burch, senior)** lost his match to the Ankeny wrestler," said **Smith**. "Wrestling is fun because it's hard to do, and when you come off the mat after beating a kid, it's the best feeling in the world."

◆ Senior **Brian Melhus** goes head to head with an opponent in the meet against Boone. "I liked being able to use my experience to beat up on freshman and other wrestlers like **Wade Hamre** (junior) and **Andrew Doyle** (sophomore)," said **Melhus**. "The worst thing is that this is my last year of wrestling." **Melhus** finished the year with a 24-13 record.

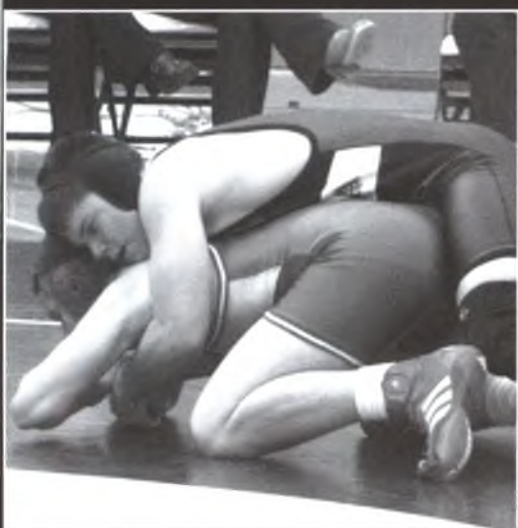




◆ Sophomore **Brad Janssen** goes for a take-down at the Pella Invitational. **Janssen** finished the season with a 27-11 record.



◆ Senior **Joe Burch** tries to pin his opponent in the meet against Grinnell. **Burch** finished with a 29-3 record.



◆ Freshman **Aaron Steenhoek** tries to take down his opponent in the meet against Boone.



WRESTLING Andrew Santiago, Ben Van Wyk, Brad Janssen, Andrew Doyle, Jon DeHaan, Blake VanderMolen, Justin Caldwell **ROW 2:** Drew Wilson, Troy Smith, Brian Melhus, Spencer Wissler, Adam Toom, Tim Elzinga, Aaron Steenhoek, Ryan Salter, Wade Hamre, Josh Bogaards, Cory L'Esperance, Joe Burch. **Not Pictured:** Coaches Bryant Hancock, Mark Vander Linden, Lee Kerndt, Kevin Azinger, Managers: Sarah Benedict, Monica Davids, Nikki Hawkins, Shelly Nunnikhoven, Jaci Terlouw, Andrea Shrout, Ashley Wood

SCOREBOARD

Pella 62, Knoxville 17
Pella 39, Waukee 23
Pella 67, Grinnell 16
Pella 51, Norwalk 34
Pella 55, Clarke 24
Pella 51, Centerville 27
Pella 63, Oskalooska 11

Pella 45, Boone 33
Pella 49, Albia 27
Tri-County 48, Pella 24
Pella 69, Oskalooska 12
Oskalooska JV 45, Pella JV 30
Pella 39, Sigourney 34
Pella 46, Albia 21

Districts: 7th Record: 2-12

HONORS/AWARDS

- MVP: Senior Joe Burch
- Top Newcomer: Senior Ryan Salter
- Most Improved: Sophomores Troy Smith and Brad Janssen
- Burch and Smith - third at districts



Ryan Salter and parents



Tim Elzinga



Ben Van Wyk



Jon De Haan

SWIMMERS

•Anna Rietveld



Emily Bensink

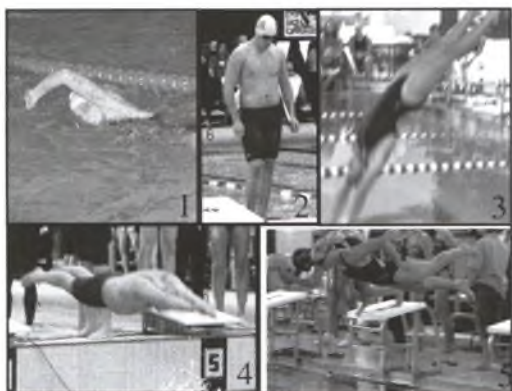


Cricket
Vandenberg

HIT THE ROAD TEAM WITH NCMP, OTTUMWA

What'd You Say

Swimmers talk about
the meets with ...



1. Fort Dodge. Sophomore Jenna Parker pushes hard to finish her race in Fort Dodge. "The most memorable moment of swimming was districts (the last swim meet) because I got my best time in the 100 backstroke, placing sixth out of all in Iowa," said Parker. The girls won their meet at Fort Dodge.

2. Grinnell. Sophomore David Visser stands tall, preparing to start his 400-meter breaststroke at state in Iowa City. "It was my second year to swim at state, so I knew what I was in for. All in all, it was fun not having to go to school on Friday and to drive to Iowa City. Even though I didn't do as well as I had wished, I still had fun with the rest of the team," said Visser.

3. Urbandale. Senior Lacy May comes crashing down to the water after her high dive competition. "I liked diving a lot more than swimming because it was a better fit for me. I thought that it was also going to be a lot harder than regular swimming, but it wasn't. It was just as hard, but in a different way," said May. The girls ended up losing to Urbandale.

4. Indianola. Senior Chris Landon jumps off the board as the last swimmer in his relay. "I liked this season a lot because I came into the season ready to swim fast. That got me to state, so my goal really paid off," said Landon.

5. State. Senior Emily Bensink leaps off the board at state. "I thought that state was a lot of fun because I got to compete with the best in the state, and I thought I did really well," said Bensink.

♦The boys' swimming team made it to state and placed 10th. Sophomore Paul Michaels swims the 100 meter. "I had a lot of fun this year because we had a great coach, and I improved a lot since last year," said Michaels. As members of the Ottumwa swim team, the Pella foursome (Michaels, freshman Jeremiah Landon, sophomore David Visser and senior Chris Landon) traveled the 100 miles daily to practice.

♦Sophomore Jenna Parker swims the 100 meter during one of her meets. "I really, really liked this season because I knew more about what I was doing, and I improved a tremendous amount since last year," said Parker. Parker and the rest of the Pella contingent practiced in Pella early in the morning. During eighth period, they would drive to Newton and swim with the rest of the Newton-Colfax-Mingo-Pella team three days a week.





♦ Junior **Cricket VandenBerg** swims the 100m breaststroke. "This year's competition was really hard, but since we trained really well, I was prepared," said **VandenBerg**.



♦ Junior **Sara Thomas** takes a deep breath as she finishes her 400 meter. "I liked this season because I got to know the upperclassmen. It was all fun although the morning practices were, hard but we got used to them quickly," said **Thomas**.



♦ Senior **Emily Bensink** trudges through the water during the 400 meter backstroke. "This year I got more and more excited as the season went on because I got closer and closer to state," said **Bensink**.



GIRLS' SWIMMING. Lacy May, Cricket VandenBerg, Emily Bensink. **ROW 2:** Sara Thomas, Jenna Parker.



BOYS' SWIMMING. Jeremiah Landon, Paul Michaels, Chris Landon, David Visser.

SCOREBOARD

Girls' (Newton-Colfax-Mingo-Pella Team)
 Urbandale-Johnston 104, NCMP 82
 NCMP 64, Indianola 37
 NCMP 76, Grinnell 26
 NCMP 137, SE Polk 45
 Dowling Catholic 101, NCMP 85
 West Des Moines Valley Invite: 3rd
 Ames 105, NCMP 81
 NCMP 117, Mason City 66
 NCMP 122, Ft. Dodge 64
 NCMP 99, Marshalltown 87
 West Des Moines Valley, 124, NCMP 62
 Conference Meet: 3rd
 District Meet: 3rd
 Regional Meet: 3rd
 Qualified for state: Bensink, 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 200 freestyle relay, 400 freestyle relay

Boys (Ottumwa)
 Marshalltown Lost
 Williamsburg Won
 @Dowling w/Mason City 2nd
 Ames Lost
 Iowa City High Invitational 5th
 Roosevelt, Des Moines Won
 Hoover Invitational No Scoring
 @Hoover w/Des Moines North Won
 Burlington Invitational Participated
 East, Lincoln, Indianola Won
 Urbandale Invitational Won
 Conference Meet Won
 Districts 2nd
 State, Iowa City 10th

HONORS/AWARDS/RECORD BROKEN

- **Emily Bensink**, Co-District Athlete of the Year, Co-Regional Athlete of the Year, All-State Academic Team, voted Most Valuable Athlete by her teammates, all-state team in 50 and 100 freestyle,
- Records Broken: **Bensink** - 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle, 100 Back, part of two relays to break school record
- **Lacy May, Cricket VandenBerg, Bensink** - NCMP captains



Chris Landon, David Visser



Jenna Parker

VICTORS

Teams post winning records

•Tiffanie Peterman

NINTH END PERFECT

The freshmen girls finished their season undefeated, ending with a 16-0 record. "We always helped each other out, and we could always talk to each other about things," said freshman **Carrie Meyer**. The relationships among the members showed through their season's wins. "Our season was unbelievable. I think our undefeated season gives people the impression that we enjoy playing together, and that we played well as a team," said freshman **Lindley Roorda**.



It was our great teamwork and determination that got us this far. It would be tougher to be where we are if we didn't work together.

Freshman
Sarah Schuring
(left)

The season was a roller coaster with many ups and downs. Every day was a new and exciting adventure.

Junior
Bobbi Van Zante
(right)



THROUGH IT ALL

The junior varsity team finished the season 16-5. The team played hard and worked together as a team. "It's been really fun getting to know all the girls on the team, and it was nice to have such a successful season," said sophomore **Suzanne Wares**. "The best part of the season was when we all got together at Pizza Ranch for our last team meal before the Pella vs. Pella Christian game and gave out funny awards," said sophomore **Paige Nelson**.

TEAMWORK

Working together as a team was a vital part of the season for the undefeated freshmen. "This season was the best season and my favorite season so far ... the girls on the team and the coaches were really fun. Being undefeated was definitely a nice bonus for the season and it all had to do with the friendships on the team," said freshman **Tressa Versteeg**. Versteeg looks for an open teammate to pass the ball to in the game against Boone.



JUMP SHOT

Sophomore **Hillary Van Horn** shoots a lay-up against a South Tama defender. The Dutch won the game, 43-16. "We all worked really hard throughout the season and it paid off. The girls and I ended up having a great time together!" said **Van Horn**.





JV BASKETBALL



JUNIOR VARSITY. Suzanne Wares, Hilaryl Van Horn, Bobbi Van Zante, Paige Nelson. **ROW 2:** Jordan Williams, Kendra Dickinson. **ROW 3:** Kiley Phillips, Ashley Vander Hart, Ashley Meirick, Michelle Bills, Brenna Boat.

9TH BASKETBALL



FRESHMEN. Kayli Hrdlicka, LaDonna Haning, Heather Borgman, Lindley Roorda, Jessica Clark. **ROW 2:** Katie Williamson, Manager Alex Meyer, Emily Wilson, Ashley Estabrook, Kelsey Manecke, Carrie Meyer, Erin Kraayenbrink. **ROW 3:** Jill Sorensen, Manager Asheley Kephart, Tressa Versteeg, Michelle Renaud, Kirsten Van Dusseldorp, Alyssa Brobst, Sarah Schuring.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Pella 48, Davis County 37	Pella 53, Boone 38
Pella 57, Knoxville 18	Pella 39, Oskaloosa 28
Norwalk 45, Pella 42	Pella 41, Waukee 37
Mt. Pleasant 42, Pella 19	Pella 63, Albion 26
Pella 52, Pella Christian 40	Indianola 49, Pella 34
Pella 51, Albion 23	Pella 40, Norwalk 28
Waukee 60, Pella 57	Washington 54, Pella 53
Pella 36, Grinnell 29	Pella 68, Knoxville 41
Pella 43, South Tama 16	Pella 58, Grinnell 53
Pella 55, PCM 38	Pella 43, Pella Christian 25
Pella 39, PCM 35	

Record: 16-5

FRESHMEN

Pella 59, Norwalk 19	Pella 34, Boone 24
Pella 51, Oskaloosa 35	Pella 48, Oskaloosa 41
Pella 55, Albion 10	Pella 53, Waukee 39
Pella 43, Waukee 33	Pella 42, Albion 21
Pella 52, Pella Christian 36	Pella 64, Norwalk 14
Pella 41, Grinnell 27	Pella 54, Knoxville 38
Pella 46, South Tama 36	Pella 50, Grinnell 38
Pella 44, PCM 37	

Record: 16-0

BIG

JV, 9th hit 15-win mark

•Asheley Kephart

TEAMWORK

Sophomore **Ross Way** drives past a defender while going up for a basket against Grinnell. The JV boys ended with a 15-5 record. The JV pushed hard to make great memories. "The best time of the year was scoring the winning basket at Waukee," said sophomore **Jason Dole**. The JV Boys worked to overcome. "I think that we played a lot better than what people may have predicted throughout the season. We all came together and played some great basketball," said sophomore **Bret Vander Streek**.



The game at Grinnell was a good game because we were missing a few players but the team still played together and stepped up to win the game.
Sophomore
Ross Way

The season went well. Our players worked together, mostly because of the sportsmanship we showed while on the bench.
Freshman
Mason Fillmore



SUCCESSFUL

Freshman **Mason Fillmore** goes up for a free-throw during a game against Grinnell. The freshmen boys ended with a 15-3 record. The team pushed itself to end the season with a good record. "I classify this past season as a successful one because our team really worked well together as basketball players as well as people. Our teamwork was evident in our three game losing season," said freshman **Tyler Linn**.

WORKIN' HARD

Sophomore **Derek Van Wyk** waits for an open pass while playing against Knoxville. For many players, early basketball practice was a time to work hard but have fun at the same time. "Early morning basketball practice was pretty fun actually. I believe it helped our team because working hard at such an early time builded our character up for the games we played," said freshman **Andrew Barber**.



LAY UP

Freshman **Cody Jones** drives past a defender from Albia while going up for a lay-up. "I had a lot of fun this past year as a freshman and learned a lot. I think the season went well for us," said **Jones**.





JV BASKETBALL



JUNIOR VARSITY. Vince Mejia, Cody Sanders, Joel Weiler, Jay Mathes. **ROW 2:** Jon Tangen, Travis Chapman, Mitch McFarland, Bret Vander Streek, Jason Dole. **ROW 3:** Derek Van Wyk, Josh Youngman, Ross Way, Brett Newendorp.

9TH BASKETBALL



FRESHMEN. Michael Ozinga, Drew Randol, Colin Boswell, John Lee, Cody Jones, Ross Hogan. **ROW 2:** Jake Thompson, Markus Meyers, Zach Morgan, Andrew Barber, Clayton Boeyink, Tyler Linn, Kaleb Korver. **ROW 3:** Philip Beyer, Klare Korver, Will Lubberden, Brandon Caldwell, Mason Fillmore, Kevin Mason. **NOT PICTURED:** Kiley Kraayenbrink.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Pella 67, Knoxville 29	Pella 49, Waukee 44
Norwalk 41, Pella 34	Norwalk 37, Pella 27
Pella Christian 47, Pella 29	Cedar Rapids 48, Pella 41
Pella 53, Waukee 52	Pella 49, Knoxville 43
Pella 46, Albia 37	Pella 53, Grinnell 50
Pella 40, Grinnell 38	Pella 59, Pella Christian 33
Pella 54, Chariton 48	Pella 49, Centerville 43
Waterloo East 54, Pella 43	Pella 67, PCM 46
Pella 60, Boone 46	Pella 62, Mt. Pleasant 58
Pella 48, PCM 38	Pella 49, Washington 39

Record: 15-5

FRESHMEN

Pella 67, Knoxville 42
Pella 76, Knoxville 39
Pella 55, Oskaloosa 54
Pella 64, Waukee 44
Pella 44, Pella Christian 21
Pella 60, Chariton 30
Pella 62, Boone 54
Grinnell "A" 68, Pella 56
Pella 49 Grinnell "B" 41
Pella 52, PCM 45
Pella 48, Albia "A" 38
Pella 72, Albia "B" 36
Waukee 52, Pella 51
Pella 70, Oskaloosa "A" 40
Pella 52, Oskaloosa "B" 18
Pella 44, Knoxville 40
Grinnell 58, Pella 40

Record: 15-3

RUNNIN'

•Heather Ross

THE LEAGUE GUYS CLAIM LHC TITLE



Matt Ter Louw

Stephen Meyer

Mitch McFarland

What'd You Say

Players talk about the game against...



1. **Oskaloosa.** Boys' soccer won one of their first home games against Oskaloosa, 4-1. "Oskaloosa was one of the two start-up games that we played this year. We played them fairly well and controlled most of the game, but they could be a tough team to play against in the upcoming seasons," said sophomore **Bret Vander Streek**.

2. **Grinnell.** The Dutch took over the field with a 4-1 win against Grinnell. "I had a lot of playing time, especially because we always had control of the field. I really enjoyed playing in the game. It was a good game for the team to come together and work as a team," said sophomore **Josh Bogaard**.

3. **Waukee.** The Dutch traveled to Waukee and took over their field with a 1-0 win. "I really enjoyed the game. We really pulled together well during the game and had some control of the field. We played like a team and had the confidence we needed to walk away with the win," said senior **Chris Corbin**.

4. **South Tama.** The boys' soccer team won their last game of their regular season against South Tama, 8-1. "We really set up in the second half of the game and pulled together well as a team. I was really happy that **Brian Melhus** stole a goal from me. It was a good way to end the season with a strong win," said senior **Brady Van Vark**.

5. **Ottumwa.** The boys travelled to Ottumwa and took control with a 2-0 win. "We went in there thinking they were going to be really good because they had 12 international players. We came to find out that their skill level was not what we had expected but still pulled off with the win," said junior **Brad De Wild**. In junior varsity action, the Little Dutch upended the Ottumwa squad, 2-1.

◆Sophomore **David Visser** kicks the ball away from his opponent. "Ottumwa was a fairly easy team, but it was still fun playing against kids I knew from swimming," said **Visser**. This year was Ottumwa's first year to have a soccer team. Pella won the game, 2-0.

◆Senior **Alex Schuring** kicks the ball down the field against Oskaloosa. Oskaloosa was their last game of the regular season, 8-1. "It was good we won. We went out with a bang, which helped us have confidence that we needed for districts," said **Schuring**. The team played Knoxville in districts and collected a 3-2 win in that match.

Schuring was selected as first team all-conference, along with seniors **Matt Ter Louw** and **Brady Van Vark**.

"It was an honor to have made first all-conference team because there was a lot of talent in our conference this year," said **Schuring**.





◆Freshman **Yu Yang Jin** kicks the play away from Southeast Polk. "I was really pleased with the results and happy that I had a lot of playing time," said **Jin**. The freshman won, 4-1.



◆Sophomore **Joel Weiler** blocks an Ottumwa player from getting to the ball. "Soccer was pretty fun this year. JV's pretty laid back, so we got to have a lot of fun even though nothing productive really got done," said **Weiler**.



◆Junior **Zach Hogan** tries to keep the ball away from the Oskaloosa players. "We'd been on a roll the last few games; coming out on top against one of your biggest rivals always helps," said **Hogan**.



VARSITY SOCCER. Mitch McFarland, Travis Chapman, Troy Smith, Josh Youngman, Clayton Boeyink, Bret Vander Streek, Andy Versluys. **ROW 2:** Louis Vander Streek, Trent Sikkema, Matt Goodyk, Brian Melhus, Tyler Boeyink, Stephen Meyer, Matt Schnell, Josh Jaarsma. **ROW 3:** Coach Takis Apostolopolous, Zach Hogan, Ryan Boswell, Brady Van Vark, Matt Terlouw, Bruno Orticeili, Alex Schuring, Coach Jorge Gutierrez.



JV SOCCER. Nick Fitch, Andrew Doyle, Cody Sanders, Andrew Oakland, Jon Birkel, Josh Bogaards, Brad Janssen. **ROW 2:** Nathan De Heer, David Trotter, Kyle Eastwood, Derek Russell, David Visser, Derek Groenendyk, James Roozenboom, Brad De Wild. **ROW 3:** Coach Zac Van Wyk, Joel Weiler, Jason Dole, Sam Reicks, Joe ErkenBrack, Chris Corbin, Jay Mathes, Ranson Worstell, Coach Marv Van Wyk.



FRESHMEN SOCCER. John Lee, Andrew Corum, Yu Yang Jin, Riley Cooper, Josh Van Heukelom, Bjorn Bagnell. **ROW 2:** Tanner Lind, Wyatt Goodrich, Jacob Thomas, Greg Langenfeld, Shawn Wiley, Andy Crosby. **ROW 3:** Coach Zac Van Wyk, Ross Hogan, Quincy Garner, Ryan Bentzinger, Coach Marv Van Wyk.

SCOREBOARD

Varsity

Pella 2, Hoover 0
Pella 1, Newton 0
Pella 5, Grinnell 0
IC Regina 3, Pella 2
Norwalk 4, Pella 0
Pella 2, DC Grimes 1
Pella 9, Knoxville 0
Pella 11, Chariton 0
Pella 6, Perry 2
Urbandale 2, Pella 0
Pella 9, Oskaloosa 1

Pella 9, Carlisle 0
Pella 2, Ottumwa 0
Pella 1, Waukee 0
Pella 8, S. Tama 1
Districts
Pella 3, Knoxville 2
Norwalk 3, Pella 0

LHC Co-Champs -
4-1 record
Overall: 13-4

JV

Newton 2, Pella 0
Pella 4, Grinnell 1
Pella 7, IC Regina 0
Hoover 3, Pella 2
Norwalk 1, Pella 0
Pella 2, DC Grimes 1
Pella 4, Chariton 0
Pella 1, PCM 0
Pella 2, Ottumwa 1
Waukee 1, Pella 0
Albia 2, Pella 0

Pella 5, S. Tama 3
Freshman
Newton 3, Pella 2
Hoover 2, Pella 1
Pella 6, Centerville 0
Pella 4, Oskaloosa 0
Pella 5, PCM 0
Pella 7, SE Polk 2
Waukee 3, Pella 2
Pella 2, Albia 0
Pella 2, Winterset 0

HONORS/AWARDS

All-Conference First Team: senior **Alex Schuring**, senior **Matt Ter Louw**, senior **Brady Van Vark**; Second Team: junior **Bruno Orticeili**, sophomore **Bret Vander Streek**; Honorable Mention: senior **Brian Melhus**, senior **Tyler Boeyink**.

TEARIN'

•Lauren Birkel

IT UP GIRLS GO TO STATE-AGAIN



Keyla Schuring

Kerry George

Ashley Dormam

What'd You Say

Players talk about the game against...



1. Norwalk. The Lady Dutch won their first home game against conference opponent Norwalk, 4-1. "It was great not only to beat the team that beat us at state last year but also to control the game. After scoring the first goal, the team was relieved, and we could really play our game," said sophomore **Paige Nelson**.

2. Iowa City-Regina. With only one minute before halftime, the Lady Dutch scored their 10th goal against Iowa City-Regina. "Iowa City-Regina wasn't much competition. I wish we could 10-point every team before half time," said sophomore **Stephanie Fleenor**. **Fleenor** contributed one goal to the win.

3. Waukee. The JV defeated their conference opponent Waukee, 3-1. "I thought that playing Waukee was a bigger challenge than all the other teams we have played. This team really made our team step up to the next level. I think we improved a lot after that game," said sophomore **Anna Rietveld**.

4. Pella Christian. The Eagles were defeated by the Dutch 10-0 with two minutes left in the game. "Playing Pella Christian is always one of the highlights of the season. This year we came into the game with a lot of confidence, and it took us awhile to really start playing. After a few goals we relaxed and stepped up the level of the game. Beating P.C. 10-0 was an exciting team experience," said sophomore **Beatriz Mate-Kodjo**.

5. Knoxville. The Lady Dutch traveled to Knoxville and won the game 10-0. "We started off kind of bad, but we were still able to 10-0 them," said junior **Lindsy Blair**.

◆While half of the JV team played in Centerville, the other half played at home against Iowa City Regina. Some varsity members played in the JV game to fill missing positions. Freshman **Sarah Schuring** scored seven goals. "It was nerve-racking playing a team we've never played, and it felt great to come out with the win. We played really well and came together as a team," said **Schuring**. The Lady Dutch won the game, 8-0.

◆The varsity beat Bondurant 1-0 in a shootout to advance to the state tournament for the second time. Sophomore **Ashley Meirick** scored the winning goal. "We were all hoping in the back of our minds to advance to state again, but first we had to get through the Bondurant game. They were tough competition, but they helped set the bar for who we would be playing at state," said senior **Courtney Fleenor**.





◆ Freshman **Michelle Renaud** fights for the ball from a Norwalk opponent. "We dominated the game, and they never had a chance to set up an offense. We played really well, and they couldn't shut down our passes," said **Renaud**. The varsity won 4-1.



◆ Freshman **Kathy Schuring** scored two goals during the JV game at Winterset. "The team played a real good game despite a bad field. The game ended awesome with a final score of 5-0!" said **Schuring**.



◆ Sophomore **Ashley Meirick** throws a ball during the Pella Christian game. "It was awesome dominating our biggest rival. It great having so many people supporting us, and we were glad to impress them with a 10-0 game," said **Meirick**.



VARSITY SOCCER. Ashley Meirick, Lara VanWyk, Lauren Birkel, Courtney Fleenor, Brenna Boat. **ROW 2:** Kerry George, Beatriz Mate-Kodjo, Paige Nelson, Ashley Dorman, Michelle Renaud, Stephanie Fleenor. **ROW 3:** Coach Jessica Watson, Marie Bruns, Lindsay Blair, Tressa Versteeg, Coach Sam Mate-Kodjo, Alyssa Brobst, Amanda Miller, Coach Lisa VandeLune. Not Pictured: Sarah Schuring.



JV SOCCER. Jessica Terlouw, Shelly Nunnikhoven, Kendra Dickinson, Ashley Estabrook, Stephanie Mukai. **ROW 2:** Emily Wilson, Anna Rietveld, Courtney Lehmkuhl, Chloe Mathonnet-VanderWell, Kathy Schuring, Alyson Fugitt. **ROW 3:** Megan Pfadenhauer, Alyssa Brobst, Amanda Miller, Emily Scheckel, Morgan Mock, Coach Lisa VandeLune, Paula Van Hal, Allison Mansueto, Candace Zwank, Keyla Schuring, Stacey DeJode.

SCOREBOARD

Varsity

Pella 10, Grinnell 0
Pella 4, Norwalk 1
Pella 5, Winterset 0
Pella 10, IA City-Regina 0
Pella 10, Pella Christian 0
Pella 3, Waukee 1
1st place Nevada Tourn:
Pella 8, Colo-Nesco 0
Pella 4, Nevada 0
Pella 10, Knoxville 0
Pella 3, Nevada 1
Pella 2, Outtumwa 1

Bondurant Tourney:
Pella 10, Chariton
Pella 4, Bondurant 0
Regionals:
Pella 8, Chariton 0
Pella 10, Knoxville 0
Pella 1, Bondurant 0

State:
Pella 2, Gilbert 1
Dubuque Wahlert 2, Pella 1
Conference: 5-0;
Overall: 18-1

JV

Pella 7, Grinnell 0
Pella 1, Norwalk 1
Pella 5, Winterset 0
Pella 8, IA City-Regina 0
Pella 5, Centerville 4
Pella 2, Pella Christian 0
Pella 4, Waukee 1
Pella 2, Knoxville 0
Pella 4, Nevada 1

HONORS/AWARDS

All-Conference First Team: junior **Lindsay Blair**, sophomore **Brenna Boat**, senior **Courtney Fleenor**, sophomore **Beatriz Mate-Kodjo**; Second Team: senior **Lauren Birkel**, sophomore **Ashley Meirick**, senior **Lara VanWyk**, freshman **Tressa Versteeg**; Honorable Mention: sophomore **Paige Nelson**, freshman **Michelle Renaud**. All-Tournament Team: **Versteeg** (goalie)



NETTERS

•Asheley Kephart

DOMINATE GIRLS, GUYS WIN LHC TITLES



Jacci Linn



Amy Martens



Klare Korver



Willie Van Ee

What'd You Say

Players talk about the match against...



1. **Maharishi.** Junior **Jill Van Vark** strives for perfection as she hits a backhand against Maharishi. "I liked being able to play on such a talented team. We were very successful this past year. My best memory was when Mrs. Van Horn tripped over a tennis ball and fell flat on her face," said **Van Vark**.

2. **North Polk.** Senior **Josh Smith** serves the ball to his opponent from North Polk. **Smith** placed first in three doubles matches and three singles matches throughout the season. "Tennis was a very enjoyable experience all around; it was fun to end my senior year, playing with a great coach and my friends," said **Smith**.

3. **Pella Christian.** Freshman **Sarah Schuring** played varsity and placed first in three of the team tournaments. "It was a great experience to play so many varsity tennis matches this year to improve my game. I was glad to be playing at a higher level of tennis and getting to know the new people," said **Schuring**, who lettered in tennis.

4. **Boone.** Senior **Becky Steenhoek** focuses, ready to play. **Steenhoek** placed first in her singles match, along with five other teammates. "My best accomplishment as a senior this past year was qualifying as an individual for state," said **Steenhoek**.

5. **Norwalk.** Senior **Todd Schuring** hustles to the ball while playing a singles match against Norwalk. **Schuring** placed first in three single matches, along with four doubles matches throughout the season. "The best memory was that we were the champions for the dual meets all year long," said **Schuring**.

♦The Lady Dutch teamed up to win the Little Hawkeye Conference Tournament, which they hosted May 10. Junior **Lindsay Blair** volleys at the net while playing against Chariton. She placed first in #1 singles in the LHC tournament. **Blair**, a two sport athlete in the spring (tennis and soccer) was recognized in the May 20 *Des Moines Register* in their "Prep Scene" feature. At that point, she was undefeated with a 22-0 record. "I went to state last year, and received fifth place; this year I hope to do better," said **Blair**.

♦Senior **Dan George** swings at an overhead in a singles match against Newton. **George** placed first in eight double matches and first in four single matches. He was a state qualifier in doubles for the second year in a row. "The best thing about the past year of tennis was when we would sing 'Row, row row, our boat' rounds on the bus to our matches," said **George**.





◆Freshman **Colin Boswell** returns a served ball while playing in one of his many singles matches. **Boswell** played at number 3 singles. "My biggest accomplishment was making it to state; I like to win while playing tennis," said **Boswell**.



◆Sophomore **Hillary Van Horn** focuses on the serve during a home meet against Boone. "It was pretty easy to stay focused during each match knowing how important every meet was to our conference record," said **Van Horn**.



◆Senior **Matt Snyder** was one of the three varsity boys to make it to state. "Being able to qualify for state and experiencing it for two years has been great for me," said **Snyder**.



BOYS' TENNIS. Derek Jensen, Wes McNabb, Drew Randol, Kyle Oppenhuizen, Austin Crase, Jameson Schoenfelder, Michael Holthaus. **ROW 2:** Nathan Van Kampen, Chris Landen, Vince Mejia, Willie Vance, Corey Oliver, YuPeng Jin, Joe Goodyk, Klarc Korver. **ROW 3:** Colin Boswell, Taylor Brummel, Todd Schuring, Josh Smith, Richard Spierenberg, Dan George, Matt Snyder, Andy Oldridge, Coach Bryan Mours.



GIRLS' TENNIS. Allison Mason, Jill Van Vark, Amy Martens, Bobbi Van Zante, Becky Steenhoek, Lindsay Blair, Hillary Van Horn, Luisa Orticelli, Sarah Schuring, Jaci Linn, Naomi Yang. **ROW 2:** Nancy Vue, Anna Loux, Jessica Rietveld, Blake Kermode, Natalia Plahotnaya, Nicole Lanser, Angela McNaughton, Melissa LoVan, Katie Williamson, Kirsten Van Dusseldorp. **ROW 3:** Coach Kristy DeJong, Allison Muller, Caitlin Bettger, Heather Borgman, Lindley Roorda, Jennie Gosnell, Nicole Ellingson.

SCOREBOARD

Girls

Pella 10, Oskaloosa 1, V; 9-7, JV
 Pella 11, Norwalk 0, V; 17-7, JV
 Pella 11, Chariton 0, V; 16-3, JV
 Maharishi 7, Pella 4, V; 16-3, JV
 Indianola Invitational, 1st
 Pella 6, Grinnell 0; Rain, JV
 Knoxville Invitational, 1st
 Pella 8, Boone 3, V; 13-9, JV
 Pella Invitational, 1st
 Pella 11, Pella Christian 0; 10-0, JV
 Pella 10, Knoxville 1; 15-8, JV
 Little Hawkeye Conference, 1st
 Pella 9, Albia 0; 8-1, JV
 Team Regionals:
 Pella 5, Albia 0
 Waterloo Columbus 5, Pella 4

Boys

Pella 9, Newton 2
 Pella 6, Norwalk 5
 Knoxville Tournament, 2nd
 Pella 11, North Polk 0
 Pella Invitational, 1st
 Pella 11, Grinnell 1
 Pella 10, Oskaloosa 1
 Pella 6, Boone 5
 Eldora Tournament, 1st
 Pella 11, Pella Christian 0
 Pella 11, Knoxville 0

STATE QUALIFIERS/FINISHES

Varsity Boys: Colin Boswell: singles; Dan George, Matt Snyder: doubles;
 Varsity Girls: Lindsay Blair, Becky Steenhoek: singles; Hillary Van Horn, Jill Van Vark: doubles

TRACK & FIELD

•Lindsey Jansen

BEATS THE ODDS HEADS TO STATE

Brady Bogaard



Michele Bills

What'd You Say

Runners talk about the
meets against...



1. Tulip Time Relays. Senior **Nicole Verhey** crosses the finish line in the open 200. "I enjoy the sudden burst of speed you need, then maintain, and finally how the end is always close and exciting," said **Verhey**.

2. Little Dutch Invitational. Senior **Jon Erickson** placed fourth in the long jump (19'4.5"). "... I have to concentrate on keeping my speed up through the board, getting a good lift, reaching and keeping my feet up until the last possible second," said **Erickson**.

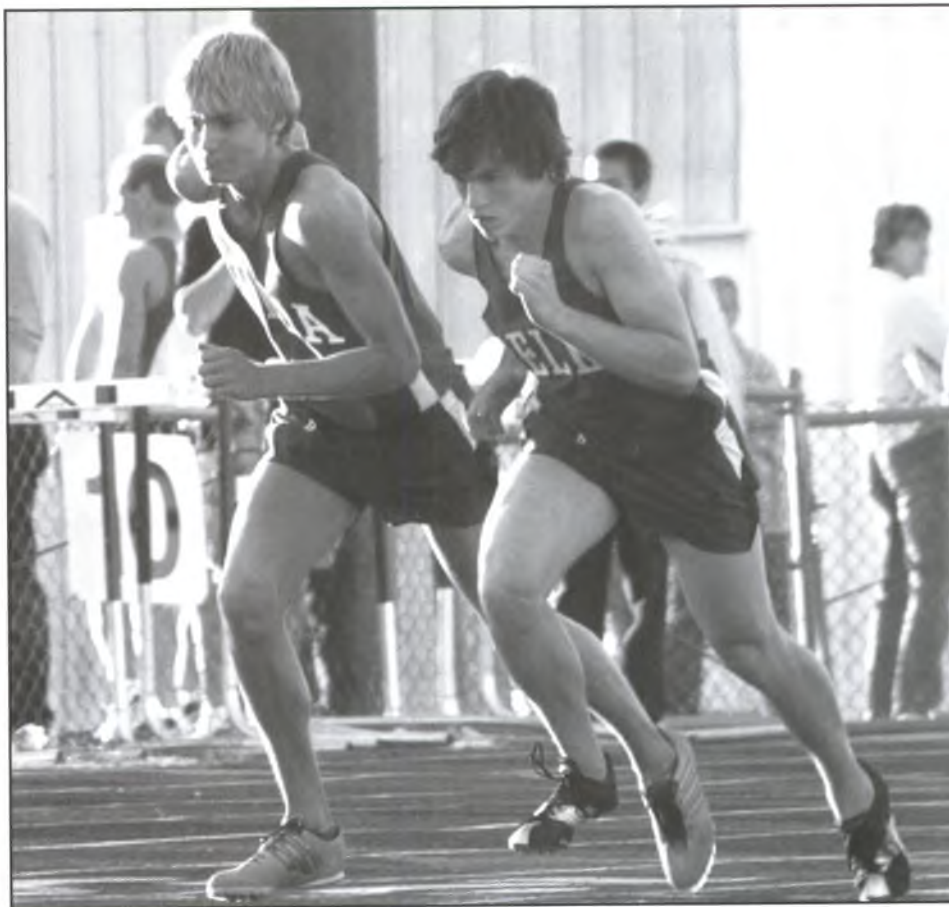
3. Little Dutch Invitational. Junior **Josh Pommer** won the 3200-meter run in a time of 10:49.35. "... My endurance plays a huge part because it's two miles of what seems like sprinting. I always start fast and try to maintain my pace through the whole thing," said **Pommer**.

4. Pella Quadrangular. Sophomore **Alex Current** finishes second in the 110 high hurdles with a time of 21.09.

5. Lady Dutch Invitational. Junior **Alli Linn** hands off to classmate **Erika Engelbrecht** in the 4 x 200. They placed first in the meet.

♦Senior **Lyndsay Van Maaren** leaps for the pit in the long jump at the Tulip Time Relays. **Van Maaren's** best jump was 15'9 3/4" at PCM. "Before I jump, I try to mentally prepare myself, and I think about all the tips Coach has given me," said **Van Maaren**.

♦Junior **Mike Vander Hoek** and sophomore **Phil Davidson** run the open 800-meter run at the Little Dutch Invitational. "My off-season training with **Josh Pommer** motivates me to run, and I have too much pride to quit," said **Vander Hoek**. **Davidson**, who finished sixth in the race with a time of 2:13.62, added, "While I'm running, I just count down how much more I have to run until I'm done."





◆ Freshman **Gracie Eggland** hands off the baton to junior **Bridget Prescott** in the 4x800 relay in the Tulip Time Relays. They placed second.



◆ Junior **Nathan De Zwarte** runs the 4x200 relay at the Pella Quadrangular with juniors **Ryan Bettger**, **Zach Vanden Berg** and **Justin Versteeg**. The team's best time was 1:41.25 at the Tiger Relays.



◆ Sophomore **Liesel Schroder** jumps the fourth hurdle in the last leg of the shuttle hurdle relay at the Tulip Time Relays. **Schroder's** time was 1:15.17.



GIRLS' TRACK. Lauren Mason, Kayli Hrdlicka, Amber Breuklander, Erika Engelbrecht, Lyndsay VanMaaren, Nicole Verhey, Katie Van Vark, Tiffany Alft. **ROW 2:** Alli Engelbrecht, Gracie Eggland, Ashley Williamson, Sierra Smith, Megan Renaud, Bridget Prescott, Kelly Hoopes, Amanda Veenstra, Alli Linn. **ROW 3:** Assistant Coach Jean Manecke, Michele Bills, Asheley Kephart, Anna Mansueto, Michelle Hiemstra, Liesel Schroder, Nikki Hawkins, Mary Fox, Renee Van Roekel, Jennifer Pothoven, Jessica Clark, Kelsey Manecke, Coach Dak Rasmussen.



BOYS' TRACK. Skyler Verros, David Vos, Corey L'Esperance, Phil Davidson, Alex Current, Trey Behning, Paul Michaels. **ROW 2:** Jon Erickson, Mike Vander Hoek, Josh Pommer, Brady Bogaard, Walker Bell, Cory Fitzsimmons, Zack Vanden Berg, Nathan DeZwarte. **ROW 3:** Coach Fred Anthony, Aric Bradley, Taylor Lind, Thomas Salz, Travis Bogaard, Justin Ver Steeg, Casey Flanagan.

SCOREBOARD

Boys Track:

A.D. Dickinson Relays, 7th
 "A" Club Relays, 4th
 Pella Quadrangular, 3rd
 Panther Relays, 6th
 Charger Relays, 4th
 Oksy Relays, 8th
 Trojan Relays, 8th
 Tiger Relays, 2nd
 Little Dutch Invitational, 5th
 Little Hawkeye Conference, 8th
 Districts, 7th
 Waukee, 8th
 State, 27th

Girls Track:

Waukee, 2nd
 Centerville/Chariton, 1st
 Lady Dutch, 3rd
 Bondurant-Farrar, 2nd
 PCM, 3rd
 Grinnell, 1st
 Benton-Van Horne, 2nd
 Knoxville, 1st
 Little Hawkeye Conference, 1st
 Districts, 2nd
 State, 8th

STATE QUALIFIERS/FINISHES:

Long Jump: Jon Erickson (2nd)
 Discuss: Justin Ver Steeg (10th)
 3200: Josh Pommer (10:33.33)
 800-Meter Run: Taylor Lind (2:06.08)
 400 Meter Run: Kayli Hrdlicka (14th)
 1500 Meter Run: Megan Renaud (16th)
 3000 Meter Run: Renee Van Roekel (20th)
 400 Hurdles: Amber Breuklander (22nd)
 High Jump: Nicole Verhey (13th)

4x100: Lyndsay Van Maaren, Kelly Hoopes, Erika Engelbrecht, Kelsey Manecke (9th)
 4x200: Van Maaren, Hoopes, Engelbrecht, Manecke (7th)
 4x400: Hrdlicka, Breuklander, Sierra Smith, Gracie Eggland (17th)
 4x800: Breuklander, Bridget Prescott, Eggland, Renaud (14th)
 Sprint Medley: Van Maaren, Manecke, Engelbrecht, Eggland (9th)
 Distance Medley: Verhey, Hoopes, Smith, Renaud (16th)

ADVANCING

•Heather Linn

TO STATE ONE STROKE AT A TIME



Ashley Gritters

Kiley Kraayenbrink



Emily Bensink

What'd You Say

Players talk about the match against...



1. Centerville. Junior **David Beyer** takes his time to chip the ball onto the green to make par. "The season went really well for us except we lost to Albion by one at the Albion dual and lost by 13 against Knoxville at the Chariton Invite. I started to perform better as the season progressed, averaging 42.3 strokes per nine holes. We were one of the top teams expected to go to state," said **Beyer**.

2. Pella Christian. Sophomore **Katelyn Dingeman** carefully tries to land her shot on the green. "I think we proceeded to progress really well through the season even with losing a senior. I think that all the practicing I did made me become a better golfer, and it helped me to be more focused," said **Dingeman**.

3. Centerville. Senior **Jon Vermeer** takes a few seconds to concentrate on his position to make a putt. "Over the course of the season, we did pretty good, I thought. Teamwise, we did well in each tournament. It will be weird next year when I'm not with the boys. We bonded really well together," said **Vermeer**.

4. Centerville. Senior **Nathan Kroese** checks the line of his ball for his next shot against Centerville. "I dropped my average significantly and improved a lot over the season. The team regrouped, and we had a lot of success, even with losing guys from last year. I plan to play in college, but it will be a lot more stressful and less fun," said **Kroese**.

5. Albion. Sophomore **Megan Renaud** tees off and checks the fairway for her ball to land. "We did really well considering we were undefeated. For me there was a lot more competition for varsity level, but besides that, we all played very well," said **Renaud**.

◆Senior **Emily Bensink** was medalist at Centerville where she shot one under par on the first nine holes. She also took top honors in the Little Hawkeye Conference meet when the team won by 59 strokes. "The season was good, and I had a lot of fun with the girls. Centerville was an exciting meet because we all played really well. It's an individual game as well as a mental game. I'm going to miss all of the girls next year as well as all of the friendships I built," said **Bensink**.

◆Senior **Jasen Dahm** waits patiently for his teammates to putt while checking his aim for the hole. "As a whole our team definitely got better over the entire season. We learned that it wasn't an individual game but more we stood out as a team. Less individuals were standing out and we helped each other to win," said **Dahm**. **Dahm** was a part of teams that qualified four times for the state tournament.





◆Sophomore **Meagan Dahlin** checks the lie of her ball to aim straight for the hole. "This golf season was really awesome. The girls were a lot of fun, and we played well together. I'm glad I got the opportunity to play on varsity," said **Dahlin**.



◆Junior **Jordan Williams** takes time in between shots to talk to an opponent. "All of us have improved this year, and that's great. The underclassmen have taken their scores down, so I think we're in good shape," said **Williams**.



◆Junior **Austin Ewell** pulls back in mid-swing of his tee-off at the Bos Landen Golf Course. "Our season was pretty legit; we had a good Cinderella season with a lot of laughs, but overall, it was a good year for us," said **Ewell**.



BOYS' GOLF. Markus Meyers, Kiley Kraayenbrink, Conor O'Brien, Tylor Van Gorp, John Bramlett, Chris Rus, Zach Van Haaften. **ROW 2:** Jon Vermeer, Jasen Dahm, David Beyer, Jameson Grier, Dustin Sloan, Cal Vos. **ROW 3:** Assistant Coach Bob Fessler, Ricky Widmar, Nathan Kroese, Austin Ewell, Kyle Dursky, Ryan Van Roekel, Ron Steenhoek, Coach Gifford Graham.



GIRLS' GOLF. Shari De Jong, Jordan Williams, Alayna Van Hall, Heather Elsluo, Briana Pfadenhauer, Ashley Wood. **ROW 2:** Kayla Matice, Sara Thomas, Andrea Shrout, Meagan Dahlin, Kayla Simpson. **ROW 3:** Katelyn Dingeman, Megan Renaud, Emily Bensink, Ashley Gritters. **Not Pictured:** Coach Mark Williams.

SCOREBOARD

GIRLS

Pella 194, Norwalk 224 (Bensink, medalist)
 Pella 184, Waukee 240 (Bensink, medalist)
 Pella 186, Grinnell 233 (Bensink, Williams, medalist)
 Pella 184, Boone 211 (Bensink, medalist)
 Oskaloosa Invit.-1st (Bensink, medalist)
 Pella 196, Centerville 232 (Bensink, medalist)
 Little Hawkeye Conference-1st (Bensink, medalist)
 Redette Invit.-1st (Bensink, medalist)
 Pella 193, Knoxville 207 (Bensink, medalist)
 Pella 189, Albia 219 (Bensink, Williams, medalist)
 Districts-1st (Bensink, medalist)
 Regionals-2nd (Bensink, medalist)
 State -7th (Bensink, 5th; Williams, 14th)

BOYS

Chariton Quad-1st (Kroese, medalist)
 Pella 163, Norwalk 168 (Kroese, medalist)
 Pella 153, Waukee 157 (Kroese, medalist)
 Pella 154, Grinnell 165 (Dahm, medalist)
 Pella 156, Oskaloosa 161
 PCM Triangular-1st (Kroese, medalist)
 Albia Quad-2nd (Kroese, medalist)
 Little Hawkeye Conference-1st
 Pella 160, Centerville 200 (Kroese, medalist)
 Chariton Invit.-2nd (Dahm, medalist)
 Pella 155, Knoxville 159 (Vermeer, medalist)
 Sectional at Norwalk-1st (Kroese, medalist)
 Pella Christian Invit. - 1st (Kroese, medalist)
 Districts, Bos Landen-2nd (Dahm, medalist)
 State - 2nd (Vermeer, 5th; Austin Ewell, 13th; Kroese, 19th; Dahm, 20th)

HONORS/AWARDS

All-Conference Boys: Jon Vermeer, Nathan Kroese, Jasen Dahm, Austin Ewell, David Beyer, Kiley Kraayenbrink

All-Conference Girls: Emily Bensink, Jordan Williams, Ashley Gritters, Liz Bandstra

IM TITLES

Competitors earn ...

•Anna Rietveld

COMPETITION

Intramural competitors said they liked the chance to participate in various activities. "I thought that intramural bowling was a great way to have fun, and, at the same time, a good competition between classes. It was a blast," said junior **Tucker Criss**. Others, such as junior **Ryan Sims**, enjoyed the casual approach to intramurals. "I thought that intramural bowling was more laid back, so it was a lot more enjoyable," said Sims.



I liked intramural bowling better than a school sport because there was no coach, and we got to pick our own teams, so it made it more fun!

Sophomore
Jason Semidey

Playing with my 'bestest' friends and improving my chances of going pro were the 'funnest' things about IMs.

Senior
Andy Oldridge

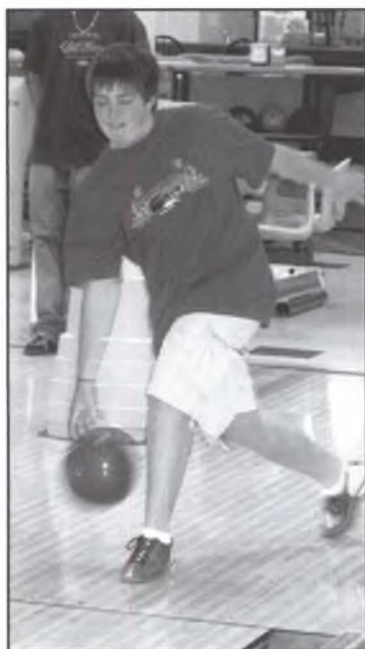


TWO-TIME CHAMP

Champions from each class were crowned for each intramural sport. Students/teams who placed first got a t-shirt. "I liked intramural basketball because it was fun, and it didn't matter if you won or lost. Plus, we got a free t-shirt," said freshman **Ross Hogan**. Hogan was a winner in both intramural basketball and bowling.

BOWLING FEVER

Intramural bowling attracted 13 teams that competed against each other. Bowling intramurals was only three days long; some students thought it should be longer. "I thought that intramural bowling was better than a school sport because we could play with the people we wanted to, but it was worse than a school sport because there were only three days of it," said sophomore **Conor O'Brien**.



IM basketball was a lot of fun because you could do whatever you wanted. It didn't matter whether you won or lost, and we all still had a great time!

Freshman
Kevin Bills

MAKING A MOVE

Senior **Taylor Brummel** slam dunks the ball during basketball intramurals.



IMChamps



BASKETBALL

5 on 5 Junior/Seniors:

Taylor Brummel, Todd Schuring, Derek Forsythe, Matt Van Maanen, Andy Oldridge, Tyler Boeyink

3 on 3/Junior/Seniors:

Taylor Brummel, Todd Schuring, Matt Van Maanen

3 on 3/Freshman/Sophomore:

Greg Langenfeld, Ross Hogan, Kiley Kraayenbrink, Kevin Bills

Bowling

Sophomore Team:

Jason Semidey, Tim Bogaards, Mike Comstock, Conor O'Brien

Junior Team:

Ryan Sims, Ryan Bettger, Tucker Criss

Individuals:

Freshman, **Ross Hogan, Kayla DeJong**

Sophomores: **Hillary Van Horn, Jason Semidey**

Juniors: **Cory Lovan, Takara Hrdlicka**

Seniors: **Alison VanHal, Dustin DeHaan**



“IM basketball was a good deal for those such as myself and the rest of my team to excel in a sport that would otherwise reject our lack of shooting, dribbling, rebounding and jumping skills. And, Andy Oldridge looked good in athletic shorts.”

Senior
Tyler Boeyink



“I really liked bowling IM's because at first I didn't want to, but then my friends and I all joined, and we had a great time!”

Freshman
Kayla DeJong

“IM bowling was really fun because I thought that it was going to be dumb because I was the only senior, but then we all goofed around, and that made a lot more fun!”

Senior
Alison Van Hal

BASEBALLERS

•Holly Van Kooten

STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE 500



Jason Dole



Michael Langenfeld

What'd You Say

Players talk about the
games against...



1. Norwalk. It was a two-game sweep for the Little Dutch when Norwalk came to town. First baseman **Mike Edwards** noted that it was one of two sweeps of the season. "I was impressed with how we came together and played both games hard and came out with a victory in both," said **Edwards**.

2. Centerville. Senior **Tyler Vermeer** naps between a doubleheader while his teammates eat lunch. "Keeping the score book was a very strenuous job. It wore me out, so I decided to take a nap between games," said **Vermeer**. **Vermeer** pitched and played first base.

3. Centerville. Senior **Ryan Sims** catches a ground ball on the bounce. "An amazing moment was in game against Knoxville when **Adam Miller** (a first team all-state player), was struck out by **Andrew Bradley**," said **Sims**.

4. Centerville. Coach **Wade Van Vark** talks to senior **Mike Edwards** and graduate **Tyler Criss** about how to improve their game strategies. "My most memorable moment was when **Andrew Bradley** struck out **Adam Miller** (a first team all-state player from Knoxville)," said **Van Vark**.

5. Pella Christian. Freshman huddle around Coach **Dan Mason**. "Playing freshman baseball as an eighth grader was a challenge because I had to play against older athletes," said freshman **Drew Randol**. "It was fun being able to practice with the team and playing games," added freshman **Colin Boswell**.

♦Freshman **Kyle Dickenson** pitches in a game against Pella Christian. **Dickenson** shared pitching duties with teammates **Reid Lanser** and **Colin Boswell**. "An awesome moment was when I pitched a no hitter for an inning against Nevada," said **Lanser**. Teammate **Ryan Pfadenhauer** also remembered a highlight of the season. "A great moment was when the team was down by 15 to Pella Christian and **Tyler Van Gorp** got his first hit of the season. **Tyler** got the team in to a hard core rally. Thanks to **Tyler**, the team came back and almost won. The team nicknamed **Tyler** 'The Rally Rat,'" said **Pfadenhauer**.

♦Graduate **Tyler Cowman** pitches in a game against Centerville. **Cowman** finished with a 4-3 record. "I really enjoyed pitching because I was always in control of the game," said **Cowman**.





◆Graduate **Kevin Van Dyke** finished the season as a second team all-conference selection for his play in center field. He posted a .323 batting average.



◆Senior **Trent Sikkema** rounds the bases headed for home plate. Sikkema finished the season with 24 hits, all singles and a .261 batting average. "The season was a lot of fun doing things with all the graduate players like **Tyler Criss**, **Tyler Cowman** and **Kevin Van Dyke**. Thanks to them, it was a very enjoyable season," said **Sikkema**.



◆Senior **Jacob Vaverka** was 3-5 from the pitching mound and ended the season with a .260 batting average. "Having fun as a team, although we did not win a lot of games, was memorable to me," said **Vaverka**.



VARSITY BASEBALL. Trent Sikkema, Jacob Vaverka, Jason Dole, Jon Erickson, Joe Langenfeld, **ROW 2:** Derek Forsythe, Michael Langenfeld, Adam Whitehead, Tyler Criss, Mike Edwards, Kevin Van Dyke. **ROW 3:** Coach Wade Van Vark, Lucas Waits, Tyler Vermeer, Tyler Cowman, Coach Dave Chenoweth.



JV BASEBALL. Jon Tangen, Joe Langenfeld, Jason Dole, Kerry Van Hemert. **ROW 2:** Derek Forsythe, Kyle Erickson, Coach Dave Chenoweth.



FRESHMEN. Skyler Verros, Kyle Dickenson. **ROW 2:** Reid Lanser, Josh Pierce, Kevin Mason, Drew Randol, Kevin Bills, Zach Morgan. **ROW 3:** John Bramlett, Tyler Van Gorp, Colin Boswell, Nick Corbin, Coach Dan Mason, Ryan Pfadenhauer.

SCOREBOARD

VARSITY

South Tama 6, Pella 3
Grinnell 3, Pella 1
Norwalk 5, Pella 2
Pella 7, Centerville 3
Pella 8, Pella Christian 3
Knoxville 12, Pella 3
Boone 8, Pella 1
Pella 5, PCM 3
Oskaloosa 6, Pella 2
Grinnell 9, Pella 4
Pella 13, Grinnell 4
Newton 11, Pella 1
Collfax-Mingo 14, Pella 6
Waukee 10, Pella 8
Waukee 16, Pella 2
Pella 6, Norwalk 2
Pella 6, Norwalk 3
Bettendorf 9, Pella 0
Pella 8, South Tama 7
Waukee 5, Pella 4
Pella Christian 5, Pella 3
Pella 9, Pella Christian 3
Fairfield 3, Pella 2
Fairfield 12, Pella 2
Knoxville 7, Pella 4

Knoxville 13, Pella 8
Boone 7, Pella 1
Boone 8, Pella 5
Oskaloosa 8, Pella 7
Oskaloosa 3, Pella 2
Pella 12, Centerville 0
Pella 7, Centerville 6
Districts:
Centerville 4, Pella 2
Record: 10-23

JUNIOR VARSITY

Pella 7, South Tama 4
Pella 7, Grinnell 7
Chariton 5, Pella 0
Norwalk 8, Pella 0
Centerville 8, Pella 6
Pella Christian 2, Pella 0
Boone 24, Pella 2
Pella 7, PCM 3
Oskaloosa 8, Pella 3
Bettendorf 14, Pella 1
Collfax-Mingo 13, Pella 0
Waukee 5, Pella 2
Pella Christian 16, Pella 0
Pella 10, Pella Christian 4
Record: 3-10-1

FRESHMAN

Oskaloosa 15, Pella 0
Oskaloosa 16, Pella 5
Knoxville 11, Pella 2
Knoxville 16, Pella 2
Grinnell 9, Pella 1
Pella Christian 7, Pella 0
Pella Christian 5, Pella 3
Norwalk 17, Pella 2
Norwalk 16, Pella 1
Grinnell 9, Pella 1
Pella 3, Grinnell 2
Centerville 14, Pella 7
Centerville 12, Pella 1
Oskaloosa 15, Pella 1
Oskaloosa 14, Pella 7
Norwalk 13, Pella 0
Norwalk 12, Pella 0
Knoxville 12, Pella 2
Knoxville 14, Pella 2
Pella Christian 8, Pella 2
Pella Christian 7, Pella 0
Record: 1-20

HONORS/AWARDS

Senior **Mike Edwards**, first team all-conference

Graduate **Kevin Van Dyke**, second team all-conference

Graduate **Tyler Cowman**, HM

Graduate **Tyler Criss**, HM

LADY DUTCH

•Hillary Van Horn

HANG TOUGH DESPITE NINE 1-RUN LOSSES



Jill Sorensen

Katie Van Vark

Skyler Dobernecker, Hillary Van Horn

What'd You Say

Players talk about the game against...



1. Dowling. "We tried to schedule the best teams in the state to play against. I thought for a very young team we handled that level of competition extremely well," said Coach **George Wares**. Wares, the head softball coach at Central College, headed the coaching staff for the second year. He was assisted by **Greg Renaud** and **Bryan Mours**.

2. Ames. "I was nervous when Coach told me I was starting against Ames. Having **Suzanne Wares** pitch made it easier for me because I had caught her quite a few times before that. Our team played really well, and we were all excited when we won," said freshman **Alyssa Brobst**.

3. Knoxville. "Playing Knoxville always produces a high intensity and exciting environment. In the game at Knoxville it was especially close and we had to hold them in the seventh inning to win. An exciting finish always makes a win that much more special," said senior **Whitney Metcalf**.

4. Pella Christian. "Playing Pella Christian is always exciting due to the in town rivalry. Everyone seemed to be working extra hard to be ready, mentally and physically. Everyone did a great job hitting. We strung some big hits together to get the win," said senior **Nicole Verhey**, designated hitter/outfielder. The Lady Dutch beat Pella Christian twice during the season and also swept Knoxville.

5. Marshalltown. "The Marshalltown district game was one of the most intense and best games I've ever played in. We had worked all season long for this game and played extremely well. Without a thing to regret it was unfortunate that we had to walk away with the loss," said sophomore **Sierra Smith**, pitcher. Marshalltown edged the Lady Dutch, 2-1, in the bottom of the seventh, to take the district win.

◆Sophomore **Suzanne Wares** was one of the three starting pitchers for the softball team. Reflecting on the game against Chariton, Wares remembered, "The intensity and focus on the field rose throughout the whole game since we had been down by one. It helped that the team had so much confidence in each other. Being on the mound wasn't as stressful as it could have been in that situation because of all the support and encouragement from my teammates," said Wares.

◆Graduate **Kristin Sytsma** and **Lauren Anderson** played high school softball since their eighth grade years. Senior Night not only recognized them as softball players but as people. "It meant a lot to acknowledge two great people for their accomplishments throughout high school. We had a lot of fun playing together and went through the ups and downs as a team," said senior **Emily Bensink**.





◆“The first time we played Norwalk, we made too many errors. The next time we were more aggressive at the plate and put pressure on them to make errors,” said senior **Tara Sorensen**.



◆Catcher **Kristin Sytsma** was a four-year member of the softball team. “At the end of the game it all just seemed like a dream. It was my last chance to be on the field. Since we were SO close, it just made it that much harder,” said **Sytsma**.



◆Due to a hand injury, senior **Chelsea Freese** hits left-handed. “I didn’t plan on slapping or drag bunting, but I really didn’t have a choice because of an injury. It was definitely something new and different, but I’m glad I got an opportunity to try it,” said **Freese**.



SOFTBALL. Jill Sorensen, Lauren Anderson, Skyler Dobernecker, Danielle Descoteau, Tara Sorensen, Emily Bensink, Kristin Sytsma, Chelsea Freese. **ROW 2:** Megan Renaud, Whitney Metcalf, Katie Van Vark, Nicole Verhey, Hillary Van Horn, Stephanie Kindred, Sarah Benedict, Sierra Smith, Suzanne Wares, Alyssa Brobst. **ROW 3:** Coaches Mary VandeHoef, Greg Renaud, George Wares, Kristin Wares.

SCOREBOARD

VARSITY:

Dowling 2, Pella 0
Pella 1, Colfax Mingo 0
Pleasantville 7, Pella 1
Grinnell 4, Pella 2
Waukee 2, Pella 1
Norwalk 11, Pella 1
Clarke 6, Pella 0
Johnston 7, Pella 5
Waukee 4, Pella 2
S.E. Polk 10, Pella 4
Pella 4, Pella Christian 3
PCM 5, Pella 2
Pella 6, Knoxville 3
Roosevelt 8, Pella 1
WDM Dowling 10, Pella 0
Ankeny 6, Pella 2
Oskaloosa 9, Pella 0
Chariton 2, Pella 1
Waukee 6, Pella 0

Perry 5, Pella 4
Harlan 1, Pella 0
North Scott 12, Pella 0
Pella 1, Ames 0
Norwalk 5, Pella 4
Boone 3, Pella 0
Pella 7, Pella Christian 1
Pella 4, Knoxville 2
Boone 11, Pella 1
Oskaloosa 2, Pella 0
Colfax Mingo 8, Pella 2
Pella 9, North Mahaska 0
Ft. Madison-Marq. 6, Pella 5
Pella 2, Twin Cedars 1
North Mahaska 8, Pella 2
Grinnell 5, Pella 0
Districts:
Marshalltown 2, Pella 1
OVERALL: 8-28

JUNIOR VARSITY

Pella 7, Grinnell 7
Waukee 9, Pella 0
Norwalk 4, Pella 3
Clarke 11, Pella 1
Pella Christian 6, Pella 2
Pella 7, PCM 2
Pella 4, Knoxville 3
Oskaloosa 7, Pella 4
Chariton 5, Pella 3
Waukee 4, Pella 2
Norwalk 8, Pella 7
Boone 8, Pella 3
Pella Christian 10, Pella 6
Boone 7, Pella 6
Oskaloosa 10, Pella 6
Pella 10, Twin Cedars 3
North Mahaska 4, Pella 0
Grinnell 11, Pella 7
OVERALL: 3-14-1
FRESHMEN: 9-9

HONORS/AWARDS

First Team Little Hawkeye Conference: Tara Sorensen
Second Team All District: Sorensen



Whitney Metcalf,
Tara Sorensen

Lauren Anderson



Whitney Metcalf



Nicole Verhey



Coach
Kristin Wares

Sierra Smith



Team

DUTCH EARN

•Hillary Van Horn and Suzanne Wares

STATE TRIPS

DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE



Michael Langenfeld



Gracie Eggland



Ashley Vander P

What'd You Say

Players talk about state memories ...



1. Junior **Lindsay Blair** celebrates with cousin, senior **Ryan Boswell**, after defeating Winterset, 42-40, to go to state. "The best part of the season was spending time with all of my teammates and making lasting friendships. It was really cool to be at Vets and have the opportunity to play on that floor with that size crowd," said **Blair**.

2. Senior **Jason Pfadenhauer** raises his helmet to cheer on the Dutch as they start the semifinal game at the Dome. "Going to the Dome was a great experience. It was even better because I scored a touchdown," said **Pfadenhauer**. **Pfadenhauer** was the first to receive a pass and take the ball all the way to the end zone for a touchdown.

3. Junior **Megan Renaud** was one of the many girls who ran for the Dutch at state cross country. "Making it to state was the best way to end the season. We had a great time bonding even more as a team and also got to run with tons of great runners," said **Renaud**. The Dutch ended up placing 14th as a team.

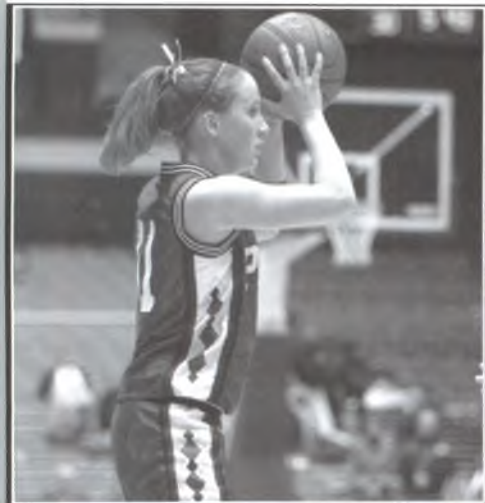
4. Captain **Josh Smith** celebrates after scoring a touchdown for the Dutch at the Dome. "Going to the Dome was probably the best experience I've had in sports. Everyone contributed to making it there, and despite a lot of people saying we couldn't do it, we did it. Playing at the Dome was spectacular," said **Smith**.

5. Going to State was a memorable time for everyone on the girls' varsity basketball team. "My favorite thing about going to state was getting into the game despite airballing a three-pointer," said junior **Bobbi Van Zante**. The Dutch lost in the first round to Charles City 50-20.

◆ Senior **Ryan Salter** carries the trophy after the semi-final game at the Dome. The Dutch lost to Mt. Vernon, 35-14 but held their heads high for being the first team to make it there. Just prior to the trip, the team lost senior **Joe Burch** due to an injury. "Joe dislocated his arm during the second Chariton game. The team stepped it up, and we got to the Dome," said senior **Ryan Salter**.

◆ Senior **Tara Sorensen** played varsity basketball all four years of high school, and making it to state became a tradition for her. "Getting the opportunity to go to state all four years was very surreal because not many players even make it to state. To go four times in a row is an unbelievable accomplishment and experience," said **Sorensen**. **Sorensen** was unable to play for the first half of the season because of a torn ACL she incurred playing at a basketball tournament in the summer. Her first game back was against Pella Christian, Jan. 6.





◆The Lady Dutch made it to state and also made strong friendships during the season. "At the end of the game I had mixed feelings. I was proud that we had made it further than anyone thought, but at the same time I was very sad I wouldn't be playing basketball with this awesome group again!" said senior **Emily Bensink**.



◆The Dutch made it to the Dome this year for the first time in school history. "Playing in the Dome was a feeling you can't describe. Being the first team there makes it even more special because everyone on the team worked so hard for it and made it a personal goal to make it there," said junior **Derek Forsythe**.



◆Senior **Amber Breuklander** finished 65th of 125 girls at state. "State cross country was a lot of fun. The girls on the team all got along really well and we bonded. Running itself was challenging and, as always, it's impressive to watch the competition," said **Breuklander**.



◆The varsity girls' basketball team poses with the state qualifier banner after defeating Winterset in the last few seconds of the game. The Dutch were down at halftime but came back to win the game. The score was tied 40-40 with 10 seconds left when junior **Lindsy Blair** drove past three Winterset players to score the winning basket. Senior **Drew Wilson** commented on the game, "It was a very exciting game to watch. I had gotten very into it, and think I was sweating more than the girls were. It was amazing to watch Lindsy use her great basketball skills to win the game." **Wilson** was just one of the many fans who attended the game at Indianola.



◆Junior **Ryan Bettger** wipes a mixture of tears and sweat from his eye at the end of the semifinal game at the dome. "The football season was an awesome experience for me. I thoroughly enjoyed bonding with the guys, bashing our opponents and accomplishing our goal of going to the Dome," said **Bettger**.



Lara Van Wyk



Tara Sorensen



Josh Bogaard



Renee Van Roekel

PLAYIN'

Students embrace the thrill

•Suzanne Wares and Hillary Van Horn

ELITE TEAM

Junior **Bridget Prescott** played on a select volleyball team this past winter. "Each member of the team was selected by the coaches from the regular season. I did get a little nervous knowing they would be there but in the end everything worked out. Every tournament helped me to become a stronger player and playing out of season with other girls was also a lot of fun for me," said **Prescott**.



"I enjoyed going to AAU tournaments this past summer and getting out of the Pella area to play different teams. Also, staying in the hotels was a lot of fun because I got to be with my closest friends, and we had a blast."

Freshman
Klaric Korver



READY TO GO

Senior **Brian Melhus**, a club soccer member in the fall, throws the ball in during one of their games. "Club Soccer was a lot of fun because there wasn't as much pressure as school soccer, but it still let me keep up on my game. It also gave me a chance to try new positions and score a lot," said **Melhus**.



94•OUTSIDE SPORTS

DANCIN'

Sophomore **Elysia Purnell** has been dancing since she was seven years old. She's had the dream of being the next **Baryshnikov**, one of the best dancers in her eyes.

Purnell is a part of the Central Iowa Dance team in Des Moines.

Dancing has been a part of **Purnell's** daily life since she was little.

"I can hardly explain why I like to dance so much. Dancing is simply breathing; if you stop breathing ... would you live? That is how I know I can't stop!" said **Purnell**.

Every year **Purnell** takes on a new challenge trying to better her skills. She has spent seven years performing in the "Nutcracker" and three years performing "Dracula."





These nine sophomore girls played in an AAU volleyball league, ending up with a tremendous record and placing first at many of their tournaments. "Playing on the AAU volleyball team was a great experience. We had a lot of success which made the tournaments more enjoyable along with being able to spend time with my friends," said sophomore **Megan Renaud**. FRONT: Kiley Phillips, Brenna Boat, Ashley Meirick, Hillary Van Horn, BACK: Rachael Lent, Laurel Van Dusseldorp, Jessica Terlouw, Suzanne Wares, Megan Renaud.

"Skating. It's fun and challenging. I started skating when **Chris Forbush** moved here and had no one to skate with."

*Freshman
Anton Fuller*

(Forbush and Fuller often spent their time together critiquing each other's moves and giving each other new techniques and style.

Fuller just started skating last year.)



"Club Soccer is to real soccer what American soccer is to the rest of the world's futbol, although I can't really complain because any kind of footy is fun to play. Club soccer is somewhat of a joke compared to high school or premiere. It was basically a chance for some fellas to bum around on the pitch and pass the footy around."

Senior
Tyler Boeyink

"I skate because it gives me a chance to get away from the everyday routine of school life, and instead, do something I love. Figure skating is a unique sport, and I plan to continue skating while I'm in college, and hopefully proceed to the Olympics in the future."

Sophomore
Jacki Moore



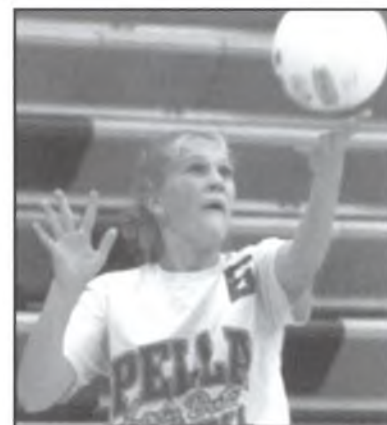


◆Senior **Ryan Boswell** belts out a tune during ISH's live performance at Pella's coffee house, Smokey Row. ISH performed with the Plain White T's and Jamison Parker.

◆Sophomore **Janel Bollard** holds a candle at the winter vocal concert held Dec. 13. The madrigal singers performed their first selection - "Silent Night" - to candlelight. "It was a lot of fun. I enjoyed being in Madrigals and showing family and friends what we've been working on all year. We messed up but recovered and that showed how we've progressed and gotten better," said **Bollard**.

◆Freshman **Rebekah Fernandez** plays her violin in the orchestra's first concert. "Music is a big part of my life. A lot of bad things have been happening, and music keeps me sane," said **Fernandez**.

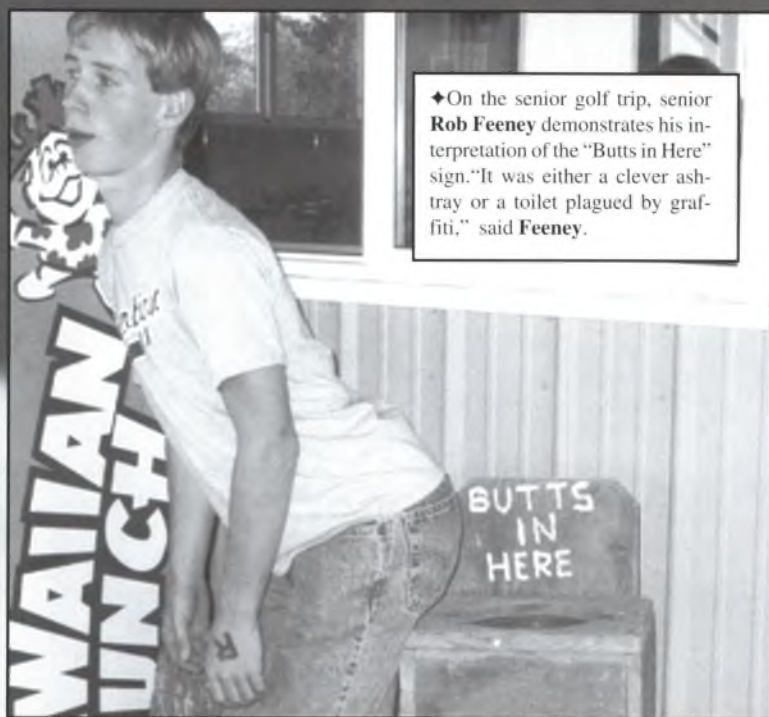
◆Freshman **Katie Williamson** prepares to serve in a game in the Pella Invitational. "I thought we came together as a team really well. It was the most fun year of volleyball we've ever had," said **Williamson**.



PEOPLE...

Who composed the 641 Pella population? Approximately 10,000 people, including 650 Pella High students. Each class had its unique individuals, from passionate musicians to determined scholars. "I would describe myself as a math nerd because I took a lot of math classes in high school, and I like getting math homework," said **Kendi Beyer**. Outside of the classroom, students took on other activities, such as sports, dance or music. "I have taken dance since I was four. When the opportunity of Forté came to me, I thought I'd give it a try. I'm glad I did because it has become a new, fun dance experience," said freshman **Blake Kermode**. Others had a more playful side. Senior **Courtney Fleenor**, right, air skates off the skating park ramp. "Once in awhile, it was just fun to be crazy and laugh at everything. I enjoyed the frequent break from the stressful and serious 'real world'. Jokes and laughing were just a part of life. Go out; fake skate!" said **Fleenor**.

•Angela LoThi



♦On the senior golf trip, senior **Rob Feeney** demonstrates his interpretation of the "Butts in Here" sign. "It was either a clever ash-tray or a toilet plagued by graffiti," said **Feeney**.

MUGS

SENIORS

Moments Define Memories

•Lauren Birkel



Emily Bensink



Lauren Birkel



Jordan Bloodsworth



Brandon Boat



Brian Boat



Tyler Boeyink



Ryan Boswell



Danielle Brillhart



Taylor Brummel



Chrissy Buitenwerf



Justin Caldwell

Four years have come and gone, and woven inside have been some incredibly memorable moments. ♦Senior **Chrissy Buitenwerf** said the homecomings would be unforgettable. "Winning homecoming three years in a row was something I won't forget because it showed how our class could come together. It was really awesome beating the seniors our junior year," said **Buitenwerf**. ♦One thing that most will be able to walk away with are great friendships. "Friends were an important part of my high school years. Us girls always had a great time when we were together, even if we were just driving around or hanging out at someone's house. We've had so much fun together and I will never forget the good times," said senior **Danielle Brillhart**. ♦All in all, the past will provide the seniors with memories as their class embarks on the future.



♦King **Joe Burch** played himself during the senior skit. "I had awesome memories and also a girlish wand thing that I can now use for a back scratcher," said **Burch**.

What was your highlight of high school?



Emily Bensink



Rachel Barnes



Tyler Boeyink



Danielle Brillhart



Jordan Bloodsworth

"Playing freshman baseball with Coach (Chris) De Heus."



Stephen Bandstra

Step Bandstra

"Being single my senior year and making it to substate in volleyball my last year."



Rachel Barnes

Rachel Barnes

"It was all awesome - the games, the dances, hanging with friends."



Alexis Baugh

Alexis Baugh

"Moving to Pella, making great friends and learning about myself is what I'll always remember."



Sarah Benedict

Sarah Benedict

"Being a part of the 2002 softball team. I had tons of fun with my teammates."



Emily Bensink

Emily Bensink

"When Emma Vander Well hit me with her car in the junior parking lot and later denied the incident."



Kendi Beyer

Kendi Beyer

“My highlight was winning homecoming last year. It was so awesome seeing all the seniors so mad at us.”



Lacey Beyer

Lacey Beyer

“Being part of the first girls' soccer team from Pella to go to the state tournament.”



Lauren Birkel

Lauren Birkel

“Riding back from Knoxville with 100 inflated balloons in a mini-van.”



Jordan Bloodworth

Jordan Bloodworth

“Learning first-hand the dysfunction of America's compulsory education system.”



Brandon Boat

Brandon Boat

“First day of senior year because I did nothing. We had no assignments, so I got to hang out with friends.”



Brian Boat

Brian Boat

“Seeing the basketball team win back-to-back state championships!!!! Yippee! Go Dutch! :)”



Tyler Boeyink

Tyler Boeyink

“Just having a great four years of school.”



David Bogaard

David Bogaard

“My highlight was my friends and traveling to California, Canada and Colorado. We had so many good times.”



Ryan Boswell

Ryan Boswell

“Getting to know all the people and making close friendships. I will always remember the friends before the grades.”



Amber Breuklander

Amber Breuklander

“All the fun times with my friends - being snowed in at my house and driving into snow banks.”



Danielle Brillhart

Danielle Brillhart

“The high school dances because I could get my freak on.”



Dustin Browne

Dustin Browne

“My highlight of high school was playing football.”



Taylor Brummel

Taylor Brummel

“Spending the weekend with my friends by driving around, going to a movie, or hanging out at someone's house.”



Chrissy Buitenwerf

Chrissy Buitenwerf

“Being homecoming king was the coolest. I had a week of fame that was good.”



Joe Burch

Joe Burch

“Going to wrestling camp in Nebraska and being able to compete against wrestlers from other states.”



Justin Caldwell

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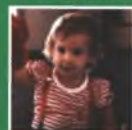
THAT WAS THEN...



Amber Breuklander



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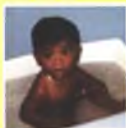
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Rob Feeney

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Students

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Future Decisions

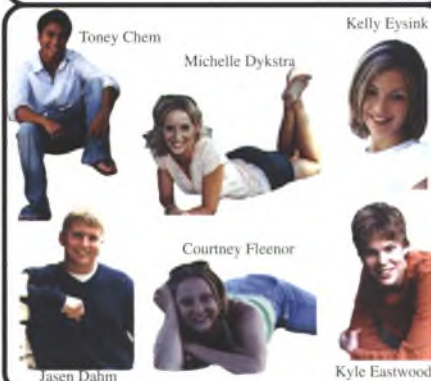
• Jordan Bloodsworth

Every year seniors are faced with the decision of what their future plans will hold. Some students plan on attending college while others are taking a year off before a final decision is made. ♦Some students were unsure of where they will be attending college, so many set up college visits through guidance counselors **Mike Vint** and **Mike Ballenger**. "I have not gone on any out of state college visits because they are too expensive, but thanks to the guidance counselor (**Ballenger**), I have gotten to know the Iowa campus well," said senior **Nick Fitch**. ♦Some students decided they wanted to attend a college out of state although it may mean a higher tuition. This meant some seniors had to take time away from school. Senior **Rob Feeney** made a special trip to Illinois to visit two colleges. "I went to Illinois with my family, I visited Elmhurst and Valprasio. I need to get out of Iowa," said **Feeney**.



♦Senior **Michelle Dykstra** made a college visit to DMACC. "The visit to DMACC was very informational and helped me in deciding my future plans," said **Dykstra**.

What are your future plans after high school?



I'm going to Indian Hills to pursue a career in nursing.



Jeni Cervellera

Jeni Cervellera

I plan to go to college and major in performance. I hope to pursue an acting or singing career.



Toney Chem

I plan to take a year off from school and work as a hunting guide before going off to school, again.



Chris Childress

I am going to AIB for two years to be an administrative assistant.



Christina Clinkenbeard

Christina Clinkenbeard

My dream is to attend auditions in L.A. or I want to be a lawyer.



Katharine Collins

Katharine J. Collins

I plan to pursue a career in speech pathology at UNI or Truman State.



Alison Corbett

Alison Corbett

I plan to go to Central College or Iowa State and major in information systems.



Chris Corbin

Chris Corbin

I would like to do something involving sports, probably something in orthopedics.



Jasen Dahm

Jasen Dahm

I plan on attending DMACC or Indian Hills and major in computers with a minor in engines.



Dustin DeHaan

Dustin DeHaan

I am graduating at semester, and going full time at Fareway. Then, I plan on attending some college.



Danielle Descoteau

Danielle Descoteau

I plan on attending Graceland University in Lemoni to become a registered nurse for pediatrics.



Lindsay Donahue

Lindsay Donahue

I will be taking classes at DMACC and then attend ISU in the fall, majoring in graphic design.



Michelle Dykstra

Michelle Dykstra

My next steps are undecided ones.



Kyle Eastwood

Kyle Eastwood

I am going to a four-year college and playing baseball.



Michael Edwards

Michael Edwards

I plan to become a commercial or corporate pilot. I am uncertain where I will attend college.



Jon Erickson

Jon Erickson

I plan to attend college and pursue an education in theater and acting.



Paola Espinosa

Paola Espinosa

I plan on attending a four year college and majoring in elementary education.



Kelly Eysink

Kelly Eysink

I would like to major in psychology and get an 'A' in sleeping.



Rob Feeney

Rob Feeney

I plan to develop super human powers and take over the world.



Nick Fitch

Nick Fitch

I'm not sure, but I am confident when the time comes, I will know.



Casey Flanagan

Casey Flanagan

I will be attending the University of Iowa and hope to stay in touch with all my homies.



Courtney Fleenor

Courtney Fleenor

THAT WAS THEN...



Casey Flanagan



Jon Erickson



Lindsay Donahue



Nick Fitch



Courtney Fleenor



Paola Espinosa



Jeni Cervellera



Jasen Dahm

SENIORS

Red-Faced, Caught In The Act

•Angela LoThi

Seniors have had many defining moments during their four years of high school. Looking back on past years, memorable but embarrassing encounters still stick in students' minds. ♦ "I was really embarrassed! I just wanted to prove to my friends that it wouldn't be embarrassing at all. I normally never get embarrassed," said senior **Emily Goodyk** about her dancing moment at Pronto (refer to **Goodyk's** picture for 'the rest of the story.' ♦ Moments like these have made high school for seniors the best and most funny years of their lives. "Oh my gosh, talk about embarrassing. I was so immature about it. If it were now it wouldn't bother me a bit. **Nicole Verhey** (senior) tied tampons on the antenna of my car and I didn't know it until after I had driven my car around the town," said senior **Ashley Gritters**. **Gritters** friends "decorated" her car for her birthday.



♦ Caught in the act is senior **Darvin Graham**. **Graham** was walking down the lobby stairs, and, to his surprise, tripped down all five steps. The scene was witnessed by several.

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?

One time in math class, I clinched my throat muscles. They seized up, and my head went right down into my shoulders for like five minutes."



Tyler Freeman

Tyler Freeman

Running into a screen door and knocking it down at **Jasen's (Dahm)** house.



Chelsea Freese

Chelsea Freese

One time Wally and Squib, my cats, got stuck together with peanut butter, and I had to pull them apart.



Dan George

Dan George

Mr. (Dave) **Ross** made me stand in front of the class telling me to recite the Pledge of Allegiance as loud as I could, me forgetting the words.



Maria Goodman

Maria Goodman

The summer before senior year at Pronto, my friends told me to dance for the next car. I was getting my freak on and the car happened to be **Jeffy Schuring**.



Emily Goodyk

Emily Goodyk

In P.E. soph year, **Brady VanVark** thought it would be humorous to de-pants me. He got more than just my shorts and girls saw the whole thing.



Matt Goodyk

Matt Goodyk

When I first came to Pella High as a junior and had to take fresh and soph classes to catch up.



Sara Goodyk

Sara Goodyk



Tyler Freeman



Chelsea Freese



Mitch Horn



Emily Goodyk



Matt Goodyk



Sara Goodyk



Darvin Graham



Lindsay Graham



Ashley Gritters



Micaela Grob

THAT WAS
THEN...



Josh Jaarsma



Luke Guillien



Kelly Hudson



April Harvey



Andy Hawkins



Cory Hill



Izaak Holt



Bryan Janssen

Freshman year, at Angela LoThi's house, we were doing homecoming stuff. I was laying on cardboard while girls traced me. I sat up and blared the loudest booty trumpet ever.



Darvin Graham

My boyfriend and I went to Ames for the ACTs only to realize that it wasn't until the next week.



Lindsay Graham

On my 16th b-day, I walked to my car after school to find it covered in whipped cream, toilet paper, and sprinkles saying "Happy Birthday!"



Ashley Gritters

A co-worker at George's walked in on me in the ladies room. Luckily, I was just finishing up and washing my hands.



Micaela Grob

My freshman year I introduced our homecoming skit. The spotlight blinded me while I fumbled around. The homecoming court screamed at me to get off stage.



Joseph Groenenboom

When I was tripped down stairs and cracked my head against the wall then got up and fell down the rest of the stairs.



Luke Guillien

When I had to sit out my first freshman basketball game because I was caught stealing street signs at homecoming.



Nick Hartson

I tumbled down the cafeteria stairs in front of a table full of seniors. My bag flew over my head, and no one helped me to see if I was all right.



April Harvey

When I was a freshman, and I tripped down the stairs in front of everyone.



Andy Hawkins

When I fell down some stairs and rolled all the way down. Plus my shoes fell off.



Cory Hill

The TSA group photo in the 2001-2002 yearbook.



Izaak Holt

One time I took a poo and it smelled really bad.



Mitch Horn

Some friends and I went to K-ville with "Beat the Panthers" all over my car. It was also the Saturday after homecoming in which we lost to Knoxville.



Kelly Hudson

In track it was so cold that I pulled down more than just my pants. Realizing it was kinda drafty, I looked down and had dropped my shorts in front of a crowd.



Josh Jaarsma

In 10th grade Spanish class, my voice cracked. Instead of saying "cuatro" I said, "Cuatrooooo" in a soprano voice.



Bryan Janssen

2004

Students Will Miss High School

•Alice Quangvan



Gracie Martsching



Laretta MacCready



Whitney Metcalf



MaryBeth Jones



Darrell Kooistra



Lacey Malek



Brian Melhus



Stephanie Kindred

From early morning practices to participating in or supporting sports activities to just hanging out with friends, seniors made their memories in many ways.

❖Senior **MaryBeth Jones** came early for chorus-related activities. "Believe it or not, I will miss those early morning choir practices. Working so hard to make so many parts come together is worth the effort and close friendships you develop," said **Jones**. ❖Sports were also a part of many seniors' lives, from being a fan or being part of the team. Senior **Collin Knoll** was a part of the track team for four years. "I'm going to miss track. Even though we didn't win too many meets, we always had fun. Must be those short shorts," said **Knoll**. ❖Most students will miss the friends they have made throughout the years. "I'll miss my friends when I go to college and get married but will never forget them," said senior **Laretta MacCready**.



❖Senior **Ben Malsom** enjoys spending time during his free period sitting and chatting with senior **Tyler Ver Meer**. **Ver Meer** said he enjoyed free periods because he didn't do much in class and didn't have to do anything in free periods. **Ver Meer** added that he enjoyed nickel and dime gambling in an educational facility.

What will you miss most about high school?

I will miss my friends, the crazy dances, and all the fun I had in P.E.



Joshua Jones

Josh Jones

Friends that have helped me through tough situations and the teachers that I got to know.



MaryBeth Jones

MaryBeth Jones

The closeness with my friends. We spent so much time together and had so many memories.



Stephanie Kindred

Stephanie Kindred

I'll miss my friends. I just hope that I can continue to talk to them 10 years from now.



Matthew Klassen

Matt Klassen

I'm going to miss all the good time spent with my friends and doing random things with them.



Collin Knoll

Collin Knoll

I'll miss seeing my friends every day and going to California with the band my junior year.



Darrell Kooistra

Darrell Kooistra

All my friends I've made and playing on the golf team.



Nathan Kroese

Nathan Kroese

Seeing friends every year and being able to count on another late night of sports, play, and homework.



Christopher Landon

Chris L

I'll miss all of the good times with friends at sporting events and band.



Michael Langenfeld

Michael Langenfeld

I'll miss coming here every day and knowing everyone I see. I've spent my whole life with them. I'll miss them a lot.



Sophia Linn

Sophia Linn

My family, friends, bedroom, putting on a jersey, getting my ankle taped and stepping into a gym.



Angela LoThi

AngelaLoThi

I'll miss all my friends and especially being close to see Lacy (May, senior) when I'm feeling down.



Andrew Lundgren

Andy Lundgren

Just being able to skip class to do stupid, fun stuff and try to skip detention because of it.



Lauretta MacCready

Lauretta MacCready

Seeing all my friends on a daily basis. I will miss being able to talk to the same people every day.



Lacey Malek

Lacey Malek

I going to miss being with my friends everyday.



Ben Malsom

Ben Malsom

The atmosphere; you know how everyone knows everyone else, and ya'll can just chill.



Grace Martsching

Grace Martsching

I'll miss Andy (Lundgren, senior). He's great. He's going away to college, and I'll miss the fun times we have together.



Lacy May

Lacy May

I'm going to miss seeing all my friends everyday and all the good times we had together.



Loni May

Loni May

Rehearsals and competitions have been the highlight of my years, and being one of Dick's Chicks.



Megan McCombs

Megan McCombs

Spending time with my girl-friend, Sara (Simmons, junior) and playing basketball in my free time.



Adam McIntyre

Adam McIntyre

I'm going to miss my friends and all the good times we had.



Brian Melhus

Brian Melhus

I'm going to miss the familiar faces of the friends I've grown up with.



Whitney Metcalf

Whitney Metcalf

THAT WAS THEN...



Collin Knoll



Michael Langenfeld



Sophia Linn



Nathan Kroese



Angela LoThi



Megan McCombs



Andy Lundgren

THAT WAS
THEN...



Andy Oldridge



Ryan Salter



Jason Pfadenhauer



Brenda Roose



Amy Ryerson



Sam Reicks

SENIORS

The Things ^{you} Learn

•Blair Verhoef

The senior year is a time for most seniors to look back at all of the memories made and lessons learned. As freshmen, many seniors remember looking up to all of the upperclassmen.

❖Senior **Alice Quangvan** remembers talking to senior friends and thinking she was really cool and important. "My brother was a senior, so I talked to him and his friends all of the time. I always thought I was really cool. Now, when I look back on it, I laugh," said **Quangvan**. ❖As time went on, these students matured. By this time, they had learned many things that would help them out, and they could pass it on to others. Some students were lucky and had an older sibling that could give them advice. ❖Senior **Katie Ozinga** has given her brother, freshman **Michael Ozinga**, a lot of good advice. "The best advice I've given him was to keep his GPA up and make lots of friends," said **Katie**.



❖Senior **Megan Pothoven** gives her younger sister, freshman **Jennifer Pothoven**, advice on high school life and making friends. "'Go out for the sports you want to play and do well in school, it will help later,' is the best advice I have given her," said **Megan**.

What advice
would you give
to
underclassmen?

Have fun, make
new friends, and
enjoy high
school while
you can; it goes
by sooner than
you think.



Stephen Meyer

Stephen Meyer

Get involved
in after school
activities and
have fun.



Ashley Nicklas

Ashley Nicklas

Make friends
with the
teachers. It
makes school a
lot more fun and
easier.



Andy Oldridge

Andy Oldridge

Just have fun
and don't get in
too much
trouble.



Jeremy Olsen

Jeremy Olsen

Don't let good
opportunities
pass you by;
grab every
chance you
can.



Ashley Orr

Ashley Orr

Do the best you
can early
in school
because it only
gets harder as
you go.



Christopher Orr

Chris Orr

Always be
yourself, and
have fun!



Katie Ozinga

Katie Ozinga

Remember boys,
flies spread
disease, so keep
your's closed.



Jon Pederson

Jon Pederson

Be involved and
go out for stuff.
It doesn't make
high school last
as long and adds
a lot of fun.



Jason Pfadenhauer

Jason Pfadenhauer

Don't do
anything dumb
outside of
school, and hand
in all of your
assignments.



Dustin Pitt

Dustin Pitt

You need to try
hard and do
your best. Make
sure you take
the classes you
want and have
fun.



Megan Pothoven

Megan Pothoven

When people
talk do not let it
get to you.



Alice Quangvan

Alice Quangvan

Get out while
you can.



Luke Rauch

Luke Rauch

A tight group of
friends is the
worst thing. You
should get to be
friends with every
member of the
school.



Sam Reicks

Sam Reicks

Don't mouth off
to upperclass-
men, and show
more respect.



Mark Richards

Mark Richards

Stay in school
and don't let the
seniors get to
you.



Nikita Romick

Nikita Romick

Take one day at a
time. Cherish
each day of your
high school years
because you will
always remem-
ber them.



Brenda Roose

Brenda Roose

Don't do drugs.



Josh Rozendaal

Josh Rozendaal

Don't cheat, try
to sell someone
else's work off
as your own or
disrespect the
school staff.



Amy Ryerson

Amy Ryerson

It will go by
fast. Get 'er
done!



Ryan Salter

Ryan Salter

Don't let high
school slip away
because before
you know it, it's
over.



Michael Salz

Michael Salz

Never be afraid
to try new
things. Remem-
ber amateurs
built the Ark.
Professionals
built the Titanic.



Josiah Santiago

Josiah Santiago

THAT WAS
THEN...



Katie Ozinga



Alice Quangvan



Ashley Orr



Mark Richards



Megan Pothoven



Caleb Seelye



Becky Steenhoek



Hannah Smith



Luke Sneller



Annie Ter Louw



Alex Schuring



Trent Sikkema



Matt Snyder



Tara Sorensen



Josh Smith



John Shaw

2004

Duo Through Friendship Grows

For seniors **Erin Sokol** and **Hannah Smith**, the friendship they have shared since seventh grade has been an important part of their maturing processes. ♦“I think we have matured by the different things we have experienced and what we have learned from these situations,” said **Sokol**. ♦The friendship has also produced its share of memorable moments. ♦“The funniest memory I have of **Erin** happened when I was leaving her house. We got distracted by a new topic, so **Erin** sat down on her porch railing, which had a bit of a wobble to it. As I started to my car, **Erin** said goodbye. I looked back, and I saw her flip over the railing and land in a thorn-bush. She laid there for quite awhile, but all I could do was roll around on the ground and laugh, which was o.k. because she was laughing, too. After that incident her legs got infected and swelled up. She looked pretty funny for awhile!” said **Smith**.



♦ Senior **Richard Spierenburg** recorded a CD featuring his friends. “Friendship is a main theme of the album. I wanted to make the CD as diverse as possible. My friends lent me their amazing talents to make the CD something special,” said **Spierenburg**.

How have you matured through high school?

I’ve learned to try my hardest to be friends with everyone.



Matt Scharff

Matthew Scharff

I have matured in such a way that the stars in the sky bow down to me in humble respect.



Matt Schnell

Matt Schnell

I’ve gained insight into the ways of the world and learned some responsibility. I’ve learned that the easy way is seldom the right way.



Alex Schuring

Alex Schuring

I have matured in some ways and grown up to realize right from wrong.



Todd Schuring

Todd Schuring

I have matured in football.



Caleb Seelye

Caleb Seelye

I don’t see the point in maturing. Isn’t immaturity what high school’s all about?



Evan Sevits

Evan Sevits

I have matured in the fact that I realized I’m not mature.



John Shaw

John Shaw

Having fun is still one of my biggest priorities, and I don't care how I do it or what people think.



Chris Vos

Chris Vos

I have grown up from taking more responsibility and doing more things by myself.



Trent Sikkema

Trent Sikkema

I did a lot more stuff with my friends, and I've tried a few new jobs to help me out.



Stephanie Slatton

Stephanie Slatton

THAT WAS THEN...



Erin Sokol



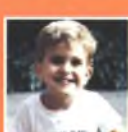
Bryce Steenhoek



Matt Scharff



Matt Schnell



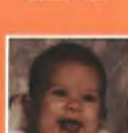
Evan Sevits



Richard Spierenburg



Chris Vos



Stephanie Slatton

I have matured because I realized that it doesn't pay to be concerned with petty things.



Hannah Smith

Hannah Smith

I really haven't matured that much, but I've become more independent.



Josh Smith

Joshua P. Smith

The way I act around people.



Luke Sneller

Luke Sneller

Between playing video games and watching cartoons, I've learned to manage my time.



Matt Snyder

Matt Snyder

I have matured by learning not to take the 'small things' so seriously.



Erin Sokol

Erin Sokol

I've matured when it comes to putting things into perspective, but my immature side still appears when I'm with my friends.



Tara Sorensen

Tara Sorensen

Somewhere along the road of high school, you realize what's most important in your life.



Richard Spierenburg

Richard Spierenburg

Living on my own, working all the time, and staying away from the wrong people.



Jamie Stearns

Jamie Stearns

Throughout high school, I have become more outgoing, confident, social and involved in school activities.



Becky Steenhoek

Becky Steenhoek

I have become more responsible for myself and the way I act around other people.



Bryce Steenhoek

Bryce Steenhoek

Coming to Iowa has helped me realize that I am capable of living without my parents.



Susanna Stoessel

Susanna Stoessel

Over the past few years, I've learned how to be myself and not care what others think about me.



Annie Ter Louw

Annie Ter Louw

SENIORS

Relive the Past

•Hillary Van Horn



Alison Van Hal



Michael Van Dusseldorp



Nathan Van Kampen



Lyndsay Van Maaren



Amanda Van Sant



Louis Vander Streek



Brady Van Vark



Tanna Van Den Berg



Matt Van Maanen



Tyler Vander Linden



David Trotter

If they could live their lives over, some seniors realized they would have made some changes. ♦Relationships, being a key part of a senior's year, were remembered. "I would have not worried about the whole jealousy issue and enjoyed that person's company as much as possible," said senior **Brady Van Vark**. ♦Academics would have played a more significant note in some seniors' lives. "I loved hanging out with my friends, but seeing how important my GPA was for my future, I wish I would have studied more for important tests and tried more on the ACT's," said senior **Lyndsay Van Maaren**. ♦Some seniors, however, wouldn't change a thing. "All experiences and obstacles shape you to become the person you are today," said senior **Amanda Van Sant**. ♦Senior **David Trotter** agreed, "What can I say? I'm a cool guy. I've done lots of cool stuff with lots of cool people."



♦Spending a night with friends at the Cordova Cabins created memories for many seniors. "We thought it would be fun to get a cabin and hang out. It was a great night for a lot of us to get together and have fun," said senior **Amanda Van Sant**.

What would you have changed or done differently?

“Ney! I've lived my high school life as brilliantly as possibly. Mmm, hmmm.”



Matt Terlow

Matt Terlow

“I would have chosen year-round school so we could have many smaller breaks instead of one big break.”



Justin Thomas

Justin Thomas

“I would have cured cancer, flown more kites, learned to do backflips, and drank more tea out of a Thermos.”



David Trotter

David Trotter

“I would try to be myself around other people more and make more friends.”



Don Trotter

Don Trotter

“I would spend more time with my friends and spend less time stressing over school.”



Seamus Turnbull

Seamus Turnbull

“We can't change the past. I don't know that I'd want to change anything, even if I could.”



Tanna Van Den Berg

Tanna Van Den Berg

“I would be less influenced by my peers and just be myself.”



Michael Van Dusseldorp

Michael Van Dusseldorp

“ I would have studied harder when I was an underclassman. ”



Mike Van Dusseldorp
Mike Van Dusseldorp

“ I would have loved to take more classes that dealt with what I want to major in. ”



Alison Van Hal
Alison Van Hal

“ I would try my hardest to suck every last drop out of life earlier in high school. ”



Kellee Van Hemert
Kellee Van Hemert

“ I wouldn't change anything. The four years of high school have been the best time of my life. ”



Nathan Van Kampen
Nathan Van Kampen

“ I would have worked harder at school my freshman and sophomore years. ”



Matt Van Maanen
Matt Van Maanen

“ I would have worried less about working and have spent more time making memories with my friends. ”



Lyndsay Van Maaren
Lyndsay Van Maaren

“ I wouldn't change a single thing. Every experience shapes you into the person you will become. ”



Amanda Van Sant
Amanda Van Sant

“ I would try harder at school, concentrate more on sports, and not worry about girls so much. ”



Brady Van Vark
Brady Van Vark

“ I would have spent more time with my friends. ”



Katie Van Vark
Katie Van Vark

“ I would have tried freshman year so my GPA would be higher than it is now. ”



Lara Van Wyk
Lara Van Wyk

“ I would live every moment to the fullest and not worry about the little things. ”



Sarah Van Wyk
Sarah Van Wyk

“ I'd probably hang out with my friends and try to study for my classes more. ”



Kristin Van Zee
Kristin Van Zee

“ I would have joined and been involed in more school-related activities than I have been. ”



Cricket Vanden Berg
Cricket Vanden Berg

“ I don't think I would change anything. High school has been a great experience. ”



Tyler Vander Linden
Tyler Vander Linden

“ My schooling has been pretty straightforward. If anything, I'd have studied less. ”



Louis Vander Streek
Louis Vander Streek

THAT WAS THEN...



Lara Van Wyk



Don Trotter



Matt Terlouw



Kellee Van Hemert



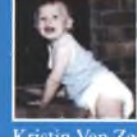
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Kristin Van Zee



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Nicole Verhey



Drew Wilson



Karen Williams



Brandi Wince



Sara Ver Meer



Brandi Vink

2004

Influences Build Character

•Amanda Veenstra

When senior year arrives, students look back and think about the four years and the influence certain people have had on them. ♦Parents were the biggest influence for some. "My mom always motivated me to be the best that I can be. She always supported my ideas, good or bad. She was my number one fan," said senior **Savannah Veenstra**. ♦Senior **Jon Vermeer** also chose his mom as his biggest influence. "After football, she always washed my jersey and stuff. She supported me in all the aspects of my life, in the activities I did. If I was sad, she gave me a shoulder to cry on," said **Vermeer**. ♦"My parents are the two most amazing people I have ever known, and I couldn't have made it this far without them. Every day, they set an example for me to follow," said senior **Lindsey VanderWert**.



♦Senior **Lindsey Vander Wert** chats with her mother, **Charma Vander Wert**, during a break. Charma began working the office in November.

Who has been your biggest influence in high school?

My life has been entirely bombarded with different people who have influenced my life.

Natasha Vander Weide



Natasha Vander Weide

Kendi Beyer because she's taught me so much about life and suffered emotional and physical abuse from me (and I did not hit her with my car).



Emma Vander Well

emma vandewell

My parents; they continue to push me and encourage me to be the best that I can.



Lindsey Vander Wert

Lindsey Vander Wert

I don't have just one influence. My biggest influences are the ones who taught me what I know now.

David Vannoy



David Vannoy

My friends have been my biggest influence. I spend more time with them between school and other activities than I do with anyone else.



Jacob Vaverka

Jacob Vaverka

My boyfriend has influenced me to grow up and not dwell on the immature aspects of high school.



Jenny Veenstra

Jenny Veenstra

My biggest influence has been my mom. She's always been a huge supporter of everything I do.

Savannah Veenstra



Savannah Veenstra

My family. They have always been there for me. They give me good advice, and they are always willing to help.



Sara Ver Meer

Sara Ver Meer

THAT WAS
THEN!



Jessie Wilson



Savannah Veenstra



Jacob Vaverka



Jenny Veenstra



Blair Verhoef



Natasha
Vander Weide

My parents for giving me guidance and wisdom.



Tyler Ver Meer

Either my parents for teaching me who I am, or my friends for teaching me to be who I am.



Nicole Verhey

My mom; she's the one person I know I can trust, and she gives me good advice.



Blair Verhoef

My mom; she supports me in all the aspects of my life, and in the activities I do. I love my mom.



Jon Vermeer

My mom; with all the pain she has been through, I was always there for her, and now she's there for me.



Brandi Vink

My friends and peers.



Chakong Vue

Teachers. They help and try to pass kids. Mr. (Brian) Huddle really helped me to graduate.



Aleshia Williams

No one person has been my biggest influence. I'm a compilation of every person/situation I've encountered.



Karen Williams

My friends; I'm with them all the time.



Drew Wilson

My big brother. He's awesome.



Jessie Wilson

Michelle Minneham because she pushed me to get a higher education.



Brandi Wince

Barry - because he's my big brother.



Andrew Yang

My family; they're the best.



Chung Yang

Pang Yang. Although she passed away a year ago, I still have respect for her!



Lisa Yang

Everyone at school who helps me out and talks to me. (with help from resource room instructor Karen Ryals)



Paul Yang

FAVORITES

Movie

Brand of Clothes

TV Show

Restaurant

Hangout

Actor/Actress

Band

Hobby

Song

Food

•Luke Guillen

•Blair Verhoef

•Ryan Boswell



IN 10 YEARS...

- ❖ I think _____ will live the furthest away.
- ❖ I think _____ will remain in Pella.
- ❖ I think _____ will have the most children.
- ❖ I think _____ and _____ will get married.
- ❖ I think _____ will be the most successful.

•Taylor Brummel



•L. Birkel, J. Bloodsworth, E. Goodyk



MEMORIES

❖ What was your favorite thing to do on the weekends? _____

❖ Where was the best hang-out place? _____

❖ Who did you enjoy spending the most time with? _____

❖ What was your favorite trend of the year? _____

CLASS ACTS

Best Friend

Best Eyes

Most Outgoing

Best Leader

Best Looking

Most Athletic

Best Dressed

Best Dancer

Best Personality

Most Intelligent

• John Shaw

• Lindsay Graham

• Toney Chen

• Emily Goodyk

• Darvin Graham

Aaah ... weekends

Juniors count the minutes throughout the week, waiting until they can say ...

•Heather Linn, Heather Ross

As Monday rolled around once again, it was, potentially, the worst day of the week. Juniors were so incredibly tired from the weekend before, and they still had the whole week until they were finally free from school for a nice long weekend.

"Usually I worked at Fareway and Central Park Cafe, and afterwards, my boyfriend and I hung out the rest of the weekend," said junior **Kassie Sneller**.

Work took up much of high schoolers' weekends, but it kept them busy. The money was always a plus!

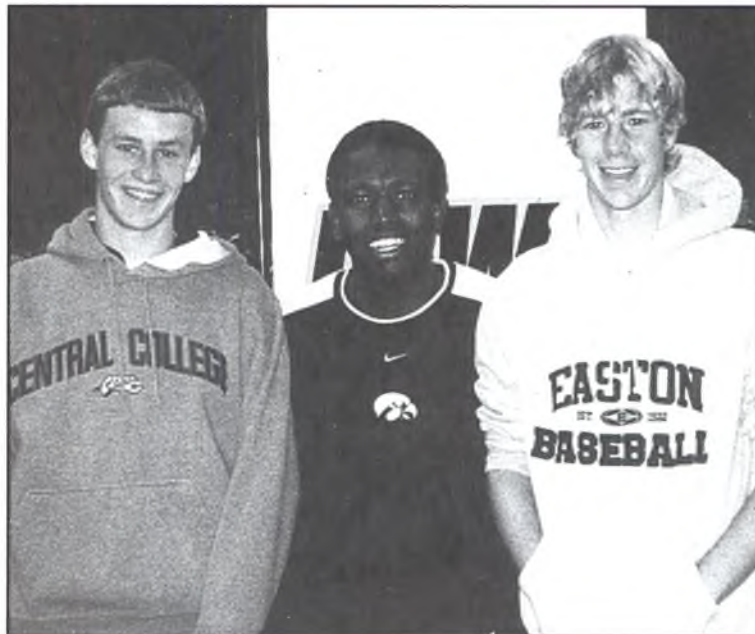
Junior **Ashley Roorda** explained what a typical weekend for her was like.

"I spent a lot of time with my friends, and I worked a lot at DeSnoepwinkel. I basically did all I could to stay out of the house," said **Roorda**. **Roorda** also spent

her time on drill team. "I enjoyed having time to do drill team and spending time with my squad was always a blast," said **Roorda**. Homework factored into weekend plans, but **Roorda** admitted that it wasn't a top priority.

Whether it was going to the traditional football games on Friday nights, or traveling to different cities or states, socializing helped make the weekend much more fun.

"Saturdays, I went to the Iowa Hawkeye football game if it was at home," said junior **Cody Verros**. "One time, **Mike Vander Hoek**, **Jimmy Small**, and I were playing football down on the Hawkeye field, and the security guard told us to leave. It was fun because my grandpa had season tickets, and I've been going since I was two. I've had fun at every game I've gone to," said **Verros**.



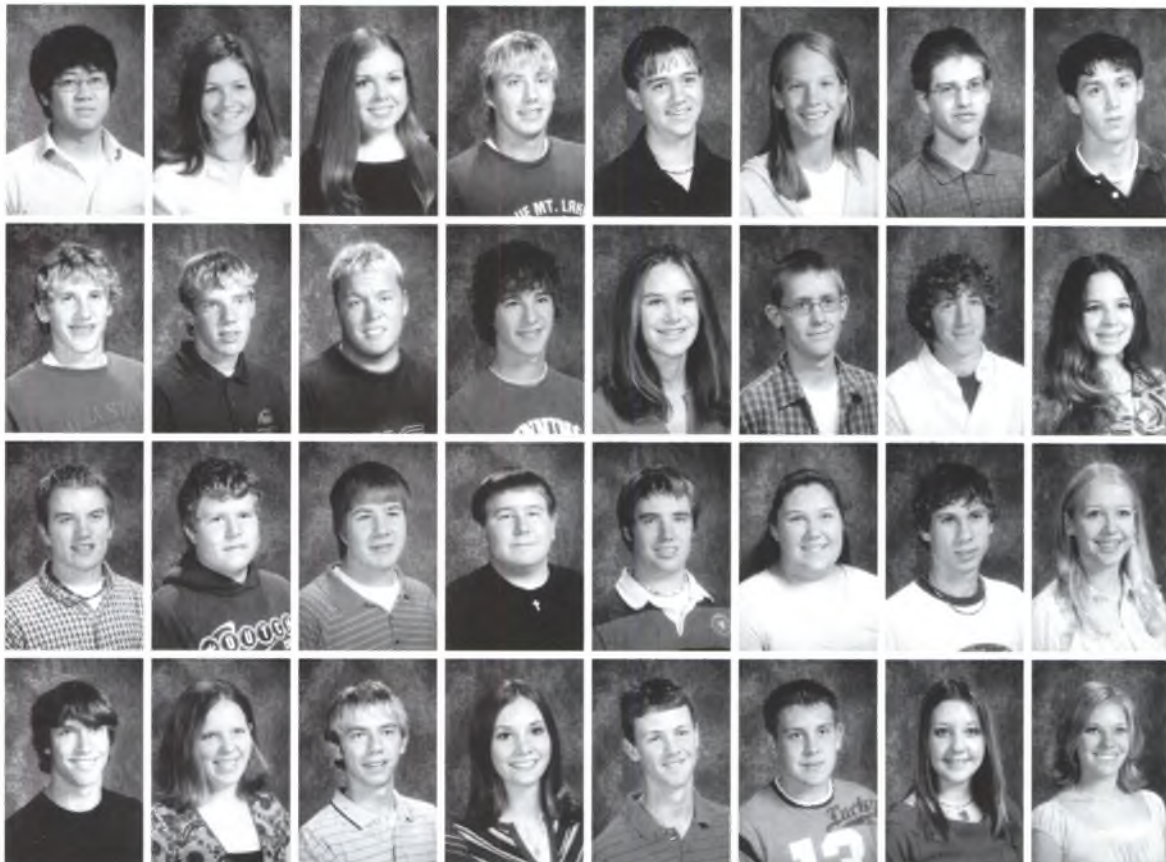
❖ Meeting University of Iowa basketball player **Glen Worley** was the highlight of a winter weekend for freshman **Skyler** and junior **Cody Verros**. "Every year we go to the Black and Gold Blowout. We go to meet the players with my grandparents," said **Verros**.

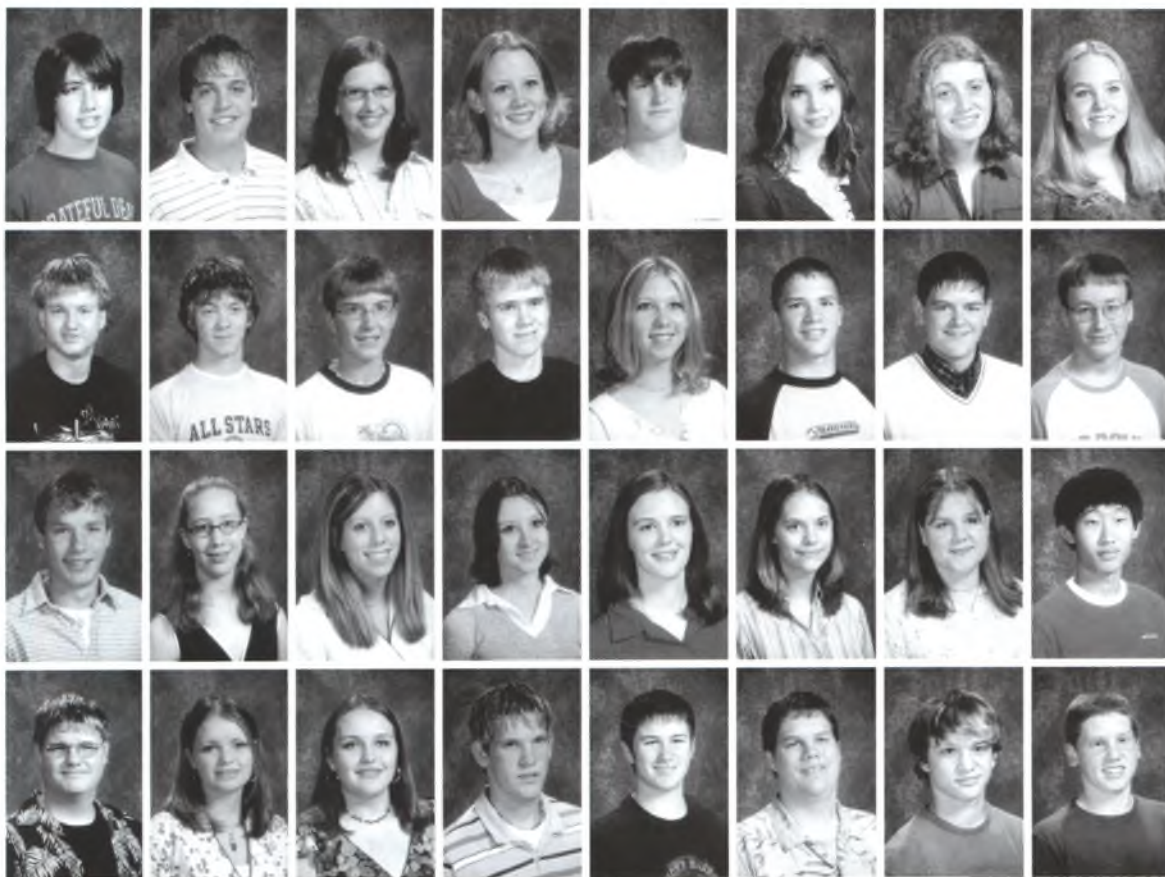
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Kile Boetger

Travis Bogaard
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Andrew Bradley
Curtis Brobst
Marie Bruns
Cody Butler
Josiah Carter
Victoria Cervellera

Jamie Clinkenbeard
Andrew Cogley
Aaron Corbin
Austin Crase
Tucker Criss
Monica Davids
Nathan DeHeer
Stacey DeJoode

Bradley De Wild
Ashley De Witt
President Nathan De Zwart
Skyler Dobernecker
Kyle Dursky
Chris Eick
Crystal Elsloo
Erika Engelbrecht





Joe Erkenbrack
Austin Ewell
Jenn Farmer
Kara Fillmore
Derek Forsythe
Alyson Fugitt
Leila Garner
Brianna Garrard

Tony Glaspie
Kevin Graham
Jameson Grier
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Alyssa Haman
Wade Hamre
Jeremy Hanson
Kris Harthoorn

Zach Hogan
Michelle Holthaus
Kelly Hoopes
Brittany Hopkins
Takara Hrdlicka
Lisa Jaarsma
Danielle Jacobson
YuPeng Jin

Daniel Johnson
Cassie Jones
Kristine Kermode
Cody Kirby
Adam Klassen
Casey Kloosterman
Andrew Knight
Joe Langenfeld

Who was born first?

Luisa: Bruno was.

Why were you named Luisa/Bruno?

Luisa: I was going to be named Roberta after my dad Roberto, but my mom thought Luisa and Bruno sounded better together, and it's also a more common name in Brazil.

Bruno: It's a very common name for a boy in Brazil.

What's the biggest difference between the two of you?:

Luisa: I am more of a people person and Bruno is more intellectual.

Bruno: I think before I talk.

Can you ever tell what the other is thinking?:

Luisa: We can always finish each other's sentences, and there are always times when we know what the other is thinking without actually having to say it.

Bruno: I can never tell what she's thinking because she's a woman.

Luisa
Orticelli



NGAME



Bruno
Orticelli

Do you ever wish the other were girl/boy?

Luisa: I like that he's a boy because we are so competitive, and it's much easier to be competitive with a boy than a girl.

Bruno: No, because I get all the inside scoop on how girls think and act.

Do you prefer...

Baths or showers?

Luisa: Baths

Bruno: Baths; it soothes my skin.

TV or Internet?

Luisa: Internet

Bruno: TV; there's nothing like an episode of Family Guy.

Funny or Scary movies?

Luisa: Funny

Bruno: Funny; I always like a good laugh.

Out-to-eat or homemade dinner?

Luisa: Out-to-eat

Bruno: Homemade; I have my mom's genes in cooking.

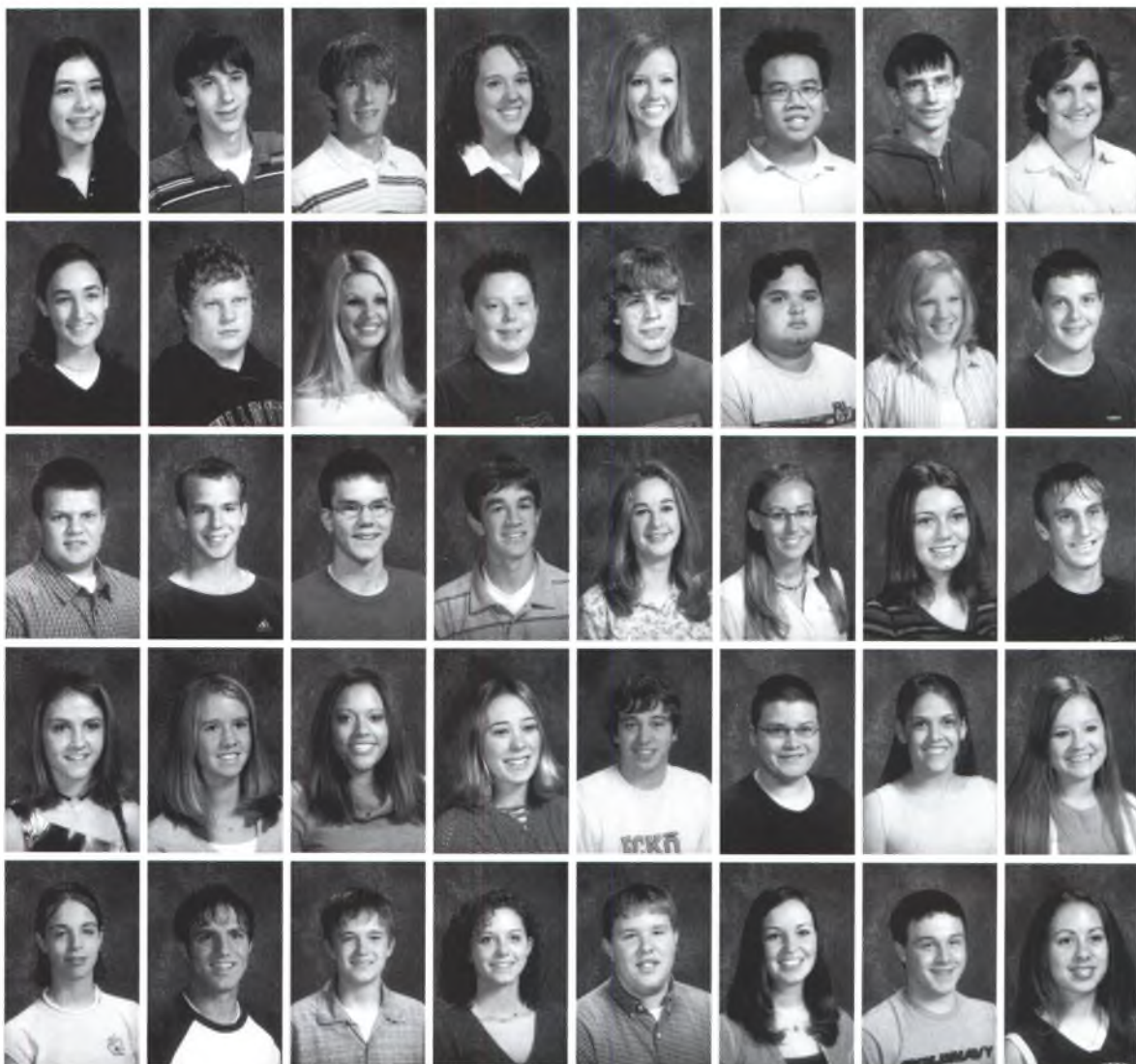
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Ben McIntosh
Cody Mock
Christian Morales
Danielle Newendorp
Brett Nikkel

Jason Nunnikhoven
Andrew Oakland
Kyle Oppenhuizen
Bruno Orticelli
Luisa Orticelli
Chelsea Pelland
Lacey Pender
Josh Pommer

Bridget Prescott
Megan Renaud
Ashley Roorda
Heather Ross
Drew Ryken
Matt Schreiner
Keyla Schuring
Rachel Shaw

Sara Simmons
Ryan Sims
Dustin Sloan
Kassie Sneller
Ron Steenhoek
Sara Steenhoek
Derek Steil
Sarah Stuckey



Brittany Hopkins teaches
gymnastics with



Brianna Garrard
who works at Hy-Vee
with



Andy Knight who took
Spanish III as well as

with **Cody Verros.**

Ryan Bettger who works at
Pizza Ranch



Heather Linn who used to live in
Minnesota like



Ali Linn who is cousins with



Austin Ewell who played
basketball like

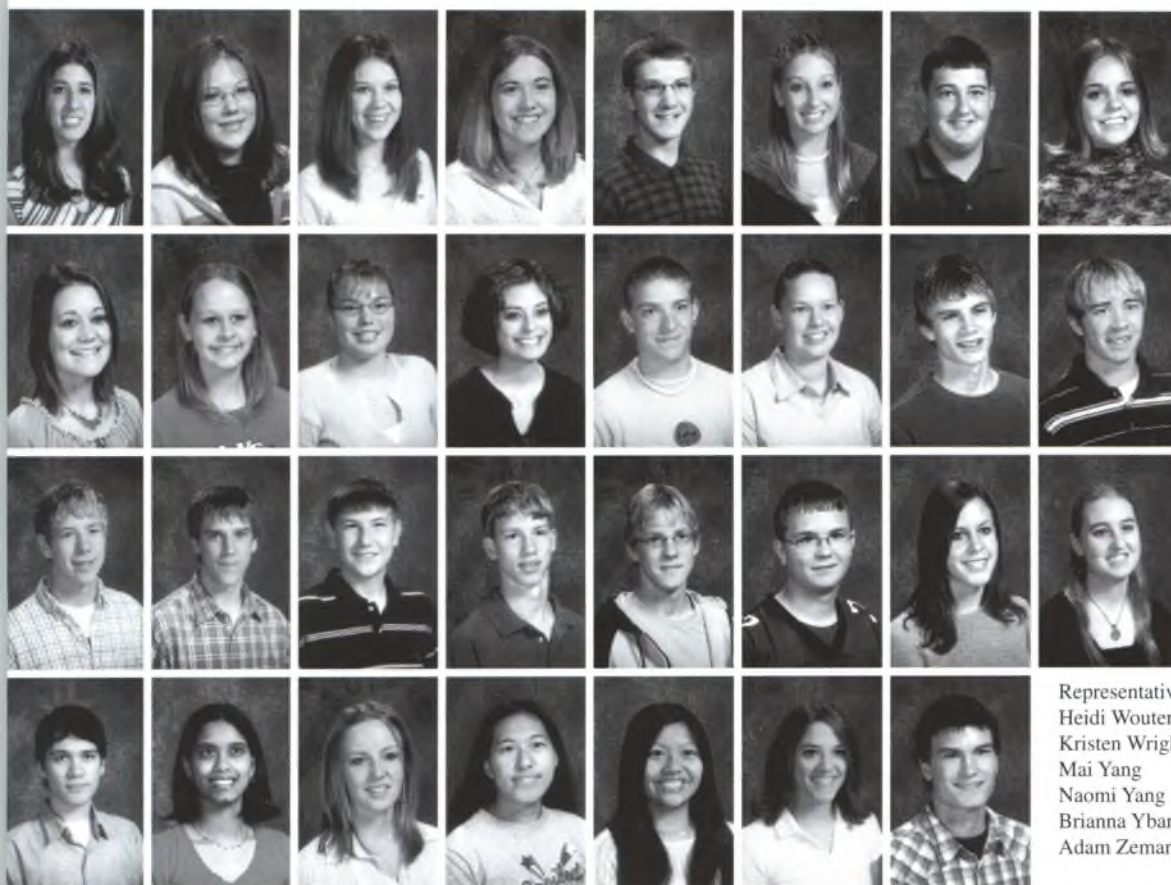


Brianna Ybarrola who is short
like



Dustin Sloan who
plays golf with





April Stursma
Jaci Terlouw
Alicia Thomas
Jenny Torres
Tony Van Donselaar
Madi Van Haaften
Ryan Van Roekel
Representative Jill Van Vark

Jackie Van Veldhuizen
Kelli Van Wyk
Bobbi Van Zante
Brittany VandeVoort
Zach VandenBerg
Ashley VanderHart
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Andy Versluys
Calvin Vos
David Vos
Brent Vriezelaar
Ricky Widmar
Jordan Williams
Amanda Wills

Representative Ranson Worstell
Heidi Wouterse
Kristen Wright
Mai Yang
Naomi Yang
Brianna Ybarrola
Adam Zemanek



The best part of being a junior

...

- Being able to park closer
- Friendship
- Being uperclassmen
- Knowing we are about done with high school
- More classes to choose from

Playing Computer/TV/Video Games•44%
Working•29%
Practicing for sports•17%
Doing Homework•10%



What do you enjoy doing on the weekends?

Hanging out with friends•82%
Sleeping•11%
Watching Movies•5%
Working•2%



107 juniors were surveyed



Happy with how I have progressed•47%
Wished I worked harder•35%
Studied more when needed•13%
Did my homework more•5%

How do you feel about wearing school uniforms?

Like the idea•21%
Dislike the idea•60%
Undecided•19%

Sophomores wait for the big day to arrive as they reach the moment when they turn ... **Sweet sixteen**

•Lindsey Jansen, Stephanie Pearson

Turning 16 equals parties, getting a driver's license, and sometimes getting a car. It all adds up to gaining independence. Some luckier sophomores received a car as a gift, such as **Suzanne Wares**.

"I found a car that I really liked, a 2000 silver Grand Am, but my grandparents told me that somebody else had bought it. Then, on my birthday, they came over and surprised me with the car. I was really happy," said **Wares**.

Brenna Boat also received a car as a present for her birthday and Christmas from her parents and

grandparents on Nov. 30.

"I was with **Sierra Smith** and we both started screaming. It's a 2000 White Cougar and I really like my cd player," said **Boat**.

Not only did cars make the event special, but special occurrences did, too.

As for parties, sophomore **Jessica Rietveld** was surprised by all of her friends when sophomore **Liesel Schroder** and **Rietveld's** mom threw a surprise birthday party for her.

"I kind of thought something was going on because of my friends, but yet I was still

surprised, and I didn't know what

the plans were. I had planned that I was going to **Liesel's** house, but my mom said that we had to stop at my mom's friends' house. We went into the backyard, and all of my friends yelled 'surprise'. I think I was more speechless than surprised," said **Rietveld**.

Schroder's friends also threw



PARTY TIME. Sophomore girls gathered to celebrate classmate **Jessica Rietveld's** 16th birthday, a surprise party thrown by **Rietveld's** mother and her friend, sophomore **Liesel Schroder**.

party for her. **Rietveld** was the main organizer of the surprise along with **Schroder's** parents.

"My parent brought me in and there were people in the living room and scared me

to death. That was the best part," said **Schroder**.

Tiffany Alt
Brittney Anderson
Rachel Anderson
Sage Baugh
Caitlin Bettger
Jon Birkel
Jed Blauw
Brenna Boat



Josh Bogaard
Tim Bogaards
Janell Bollard
Joel Bouwers
Rebecca Burch
Kristen Burghorn
Tyler Carlson
Travis Chapman



Tony Coatney
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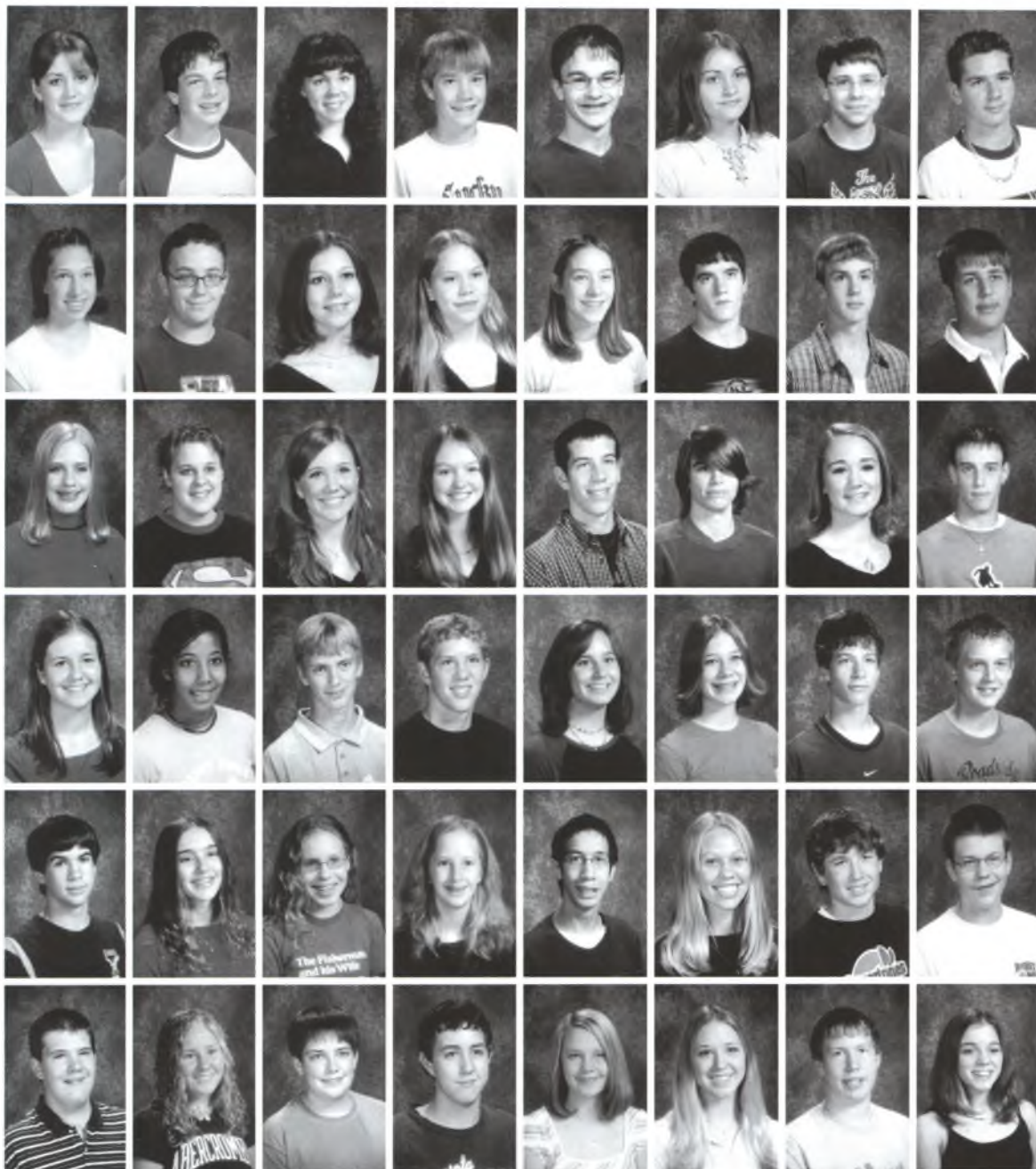


Jon De Haan
Amy De Zwarte
Kelsey Den Adel
Katelyn Dingeman
President Jason Dole
Representative Ashley Dorman
Andrew Doyle
Valerie Dugger (Fryman)



Tim Elzinga
Kyle Erickson
Lance Eysink
Cory Fitzsimmons
Stephanie Fleenor
Pady Fontana
Tara Franco
Jay Gehrt





Kerry George
Joseph Goodyk
Jennifer Gosnell
Jordan Grier
Cole Gullien
Nikki Halvorsen
Jordan Harvey
Brandon Haugland

Michelle Hiemstra
Chris Henry
Lindsey Hoopes
Samantha Hunt
Lindsey Jansen
Brad Janssen
Matt Kelly
Jason Kingma

Kyrsten Klein
Michelle Knox
Lyndsey Lanser
Nicole Lanser
Brandon Lautenbach
Joe Le May
Rachael Lent
Derek Long

Representative Amy Martens
Beatriz Mate-Kodjo
Jay Mathes
Mitch McFarland
Angela McNaughton
Representative Ashley Meirick
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Paul Michaels
Michelle Mitchell
Morgan Mock
Jackie Moore
Dustin Moritz
Representative Paige Nelson
Brett Newendorp
Tim Noteboom

A.J. Nunnikhoven
Shelly Nunnikhoven
Conor O'Brien
Corey Oliver
Lauren Oscarson
Jenna Parker
Trevor Patch
Stephanie Pearson

COMPARE & CONTRAST

OLDEST:

YOUNGEST:

MOST PIERCINGS:

TALLEST:



Nikki
Halvorsen
1/15/87

Derek
Long
10/14/86

Elysia
Purnell
9/26/88

Josh
Youngman
10/31/88

Megan
Whitehead
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Nate
Voelker
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Rachel
Anderson
5'11

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6'8

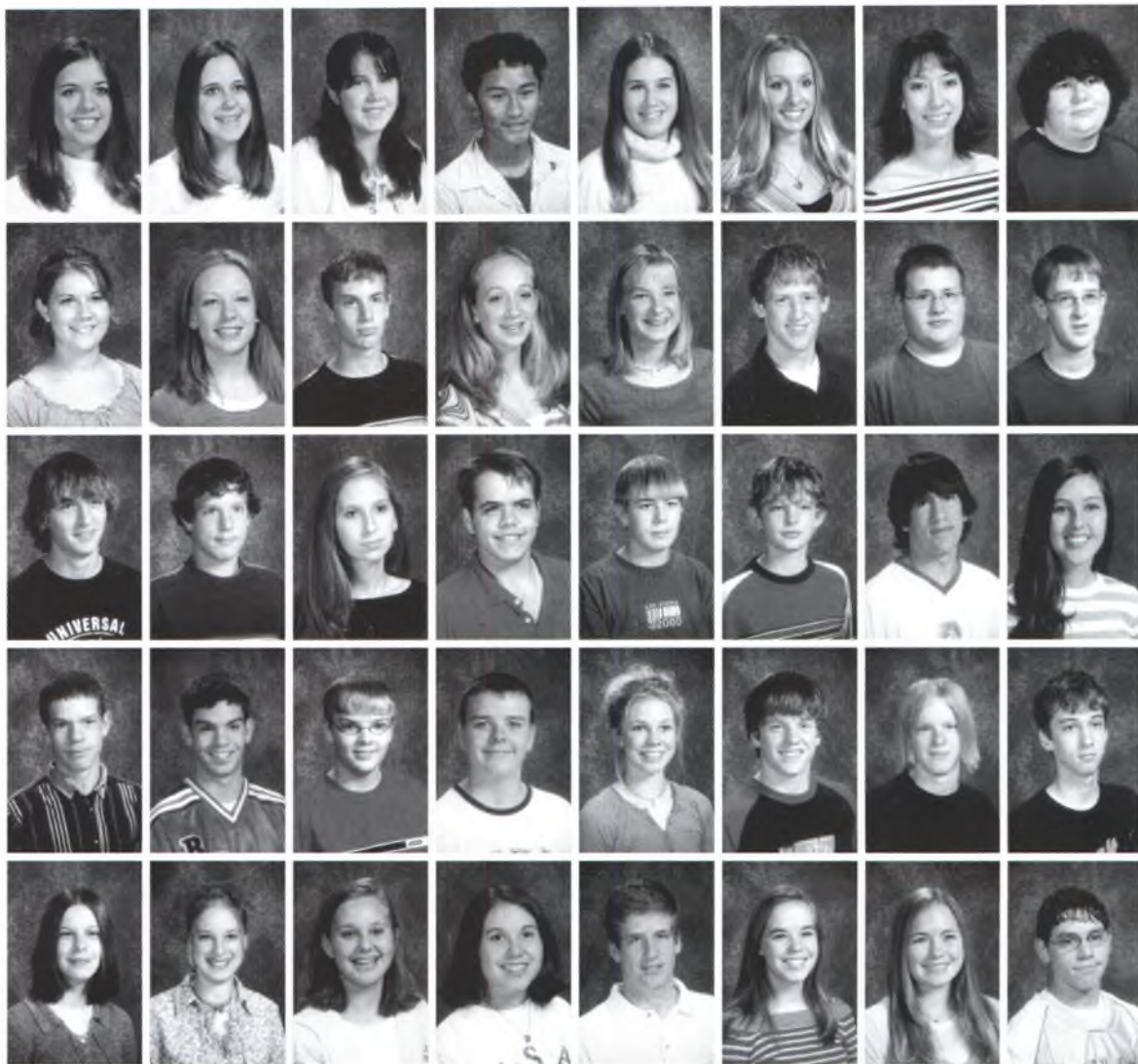
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Hillary Renaud
Megan Renaud
Greg Reuter
Anna Rietveld
Jessica Rietveld
Derek Roorda
Isaac Roorda
Chris Rus

James Rozenboom
Derek Russell
Katie Sadler
Thomas Salz
Matt Sample
Cody Sanders
Andrew Santiago
Liesel Schroder

Jeffrey Seekamp
Jason Semidey
Brandon Sietstra
Andrew Skarda
Sierra Smith
Troy Smith
Nic Smith
Gabriel Spencer

Suzie Steenhoek
Clare Stofferahn
Kendi Strobel
Anna Stuckey
Jon Tangen
Erika Ter Louw
Jessica Terlouw
Josh Valster



How do you feel about having the same name as the opposite sex?

Kerry George: It doesn't bother me, but I don't really like it either.

Kerry Van Hemert: It never really bothered me. I got made fun of a few times. But what the hay.

If you could change your name, what would you change it to? Why?

Kerry George: I like my name, so I wouldn't change it.

Kerry Van Hemert: **Jason Dole** ... he's my hero.

What do you think makes yourself a better or worse "Kerry" than "Kerry" (other than gender)?

Kerry George: The name fits better on girls (for example: *Carrie*, 70's horror movie).

Kerry Van Hemert: I'm the dominant male, and I have better hair.

Kerry
George



Kerry
Van Hemert

For what reason, if any, were named Kerry?

Kerry George: My dad thought every name my mom picked out was dumb, so he chose Kerry.

Kerry Van Hemert: I was named after my great, great grandfather Cleveland (Van Hemert gave this answer after prodding from sophomore **Jason Dole**. He does have relation named Cleveland but wasn't named after him.).

Have you ever gotten frustrated enough to change the spelling of your name? If so, what happened?

Kerry George: No... I thought about it, but never seriously considered it.

Kerry Van Hemert: No... I haven't.

What are your hobbies and sports?

Kerry George: ... play soccer, watch movies, and I love being on newspaper staff.

Kerry Van Hemert: Football, baseball, and band (small bass all the way).

What is your middle name?

Kerry George: Kathleen.

Kerry Van Hemert: Jahn.

Corey Oliver had English with

Brenna Boat who has
an Uncle Steve just
like

Jon De Haan who had world
geography with

Mitch McFarland's mom's best
friend's daughter's dog

Narissa Vander Weide who likes
to sing just like

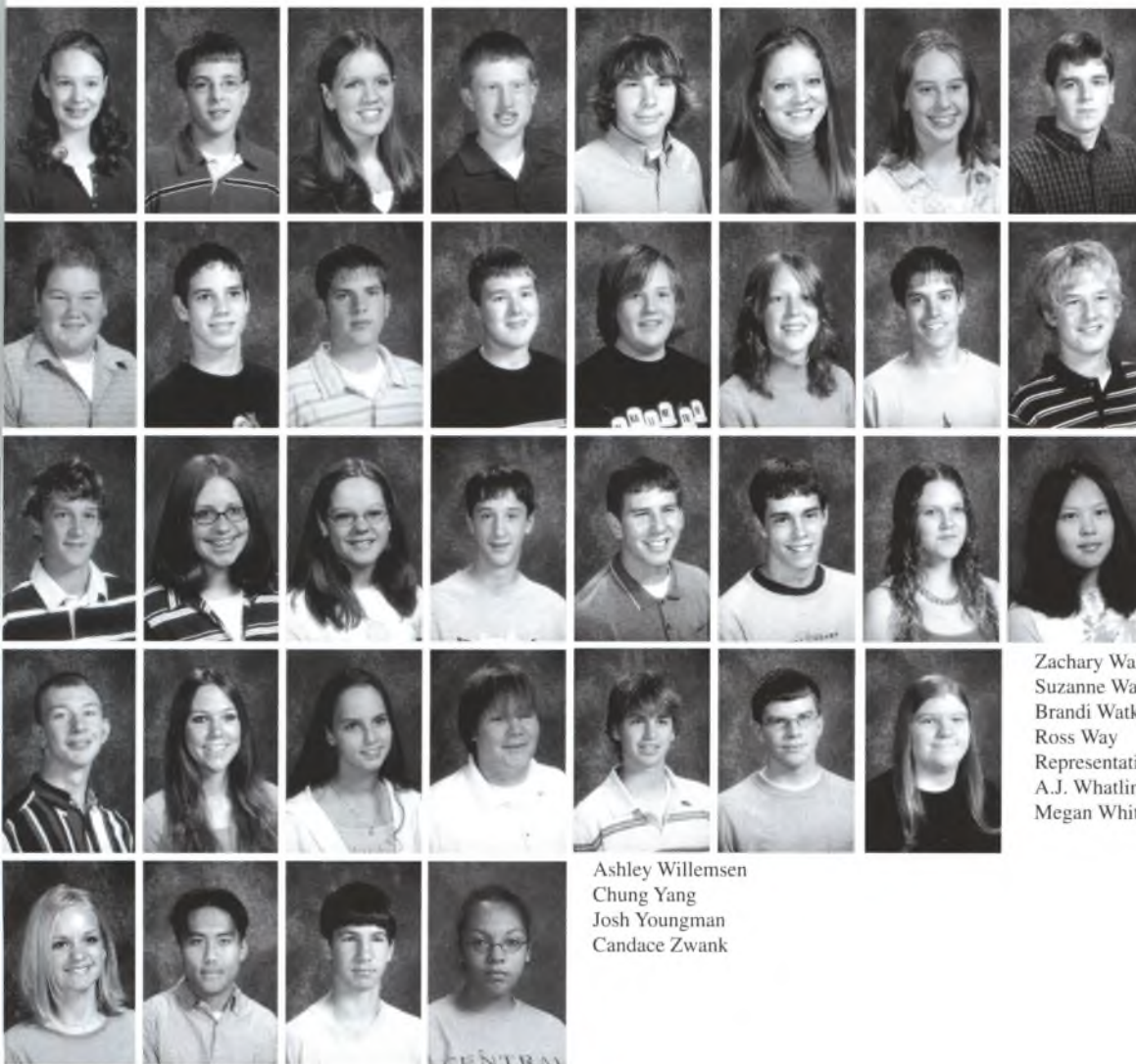
Brandon Haugland whose
cousin is named Madison just
like

Brittney Anderson who has a
wiener dog as does

**Kyler Vande
Kieft's dad. Kyler**
had biology with

Joseph Goodyk whose brother
works at Fareway as does

Nicole Lanser whose dad works
at Pella Corporation just like



Laurel Van Dusseldorp
Willie Van Ee
Samantha Van Haaften
Zachery Van Haaften
Kerry Van Hemert
Hillary Van Horn
Holly Van Kooten
Johnathon Van Kooten

Dan Van Rees
Ben Van Wyk
Derek Van Wyk
Justin Van Zante
Kyler Vande Kieft
Sarah Vandenberg
Brandon Vander Leest
Blake Vander Molen

Bret Vander Streek
Narissa Vander Weide
Amanda Veenstra
Justin Ver Huel
David Visser
Nate Voelker
Nancy Vue
Jessica Vos

Zachary Wallace
Suzanne Wares
Brandi Watkins
Ross Way
Representative Joel Weiler
A.J. Whatling
Megan Whitehead

Ashley Willemsen
Chung Yang
Josh Youngman
Candace Zwank

Freshmen cope with older brothers, sisters

Siblings existing within the same walls as they face ... situations

•Asheley Kephart

As 171 freshmen began their first year of high school, 29 of them started with a slight advantage - the help of an older brother or sister who was still in high school.

Of the freshmen class, 17% had older siblings here. The biggest advantage for most was having a ride to school, rather than having to take the bus.

"I get a free ride to school and back home," said freshman **Michelle Renaud**. She rode with sister **Megan**, a junior.

Many freshmen sought advice from older siblings. Freshmen **Nick Corbin** (senior **Chris** and junior **Aaron's** brother) and

freshman **Ryan Pfadenhauer**, senior **Jason's** brother, said they were told to stay out of the way. **Michelle** said she also was told that good grades were important as was freshman **Jennifer Pothoven**, sister of senior **Megan**.

Ryan said his relationship with his brother was up and down.

"Our relationship is unstable," said **Ryan**. "Usually, it's good, but when I beat him in football on PlayStation 2, he flips out and beats me up."

Others, like **Skyler Verros**, said his relationship was "love and hate" with brother, junior **Cody**.



•Freshman **Clayton Boeyink** is joined by his brothers **Spencer**, a fifth grader, and **Tyler**, a senior, as they wait to hit the slopes

during a ski trip to Colorado. "My brother and I are more like friends than brothers. We always have good times," said **Clayton**.

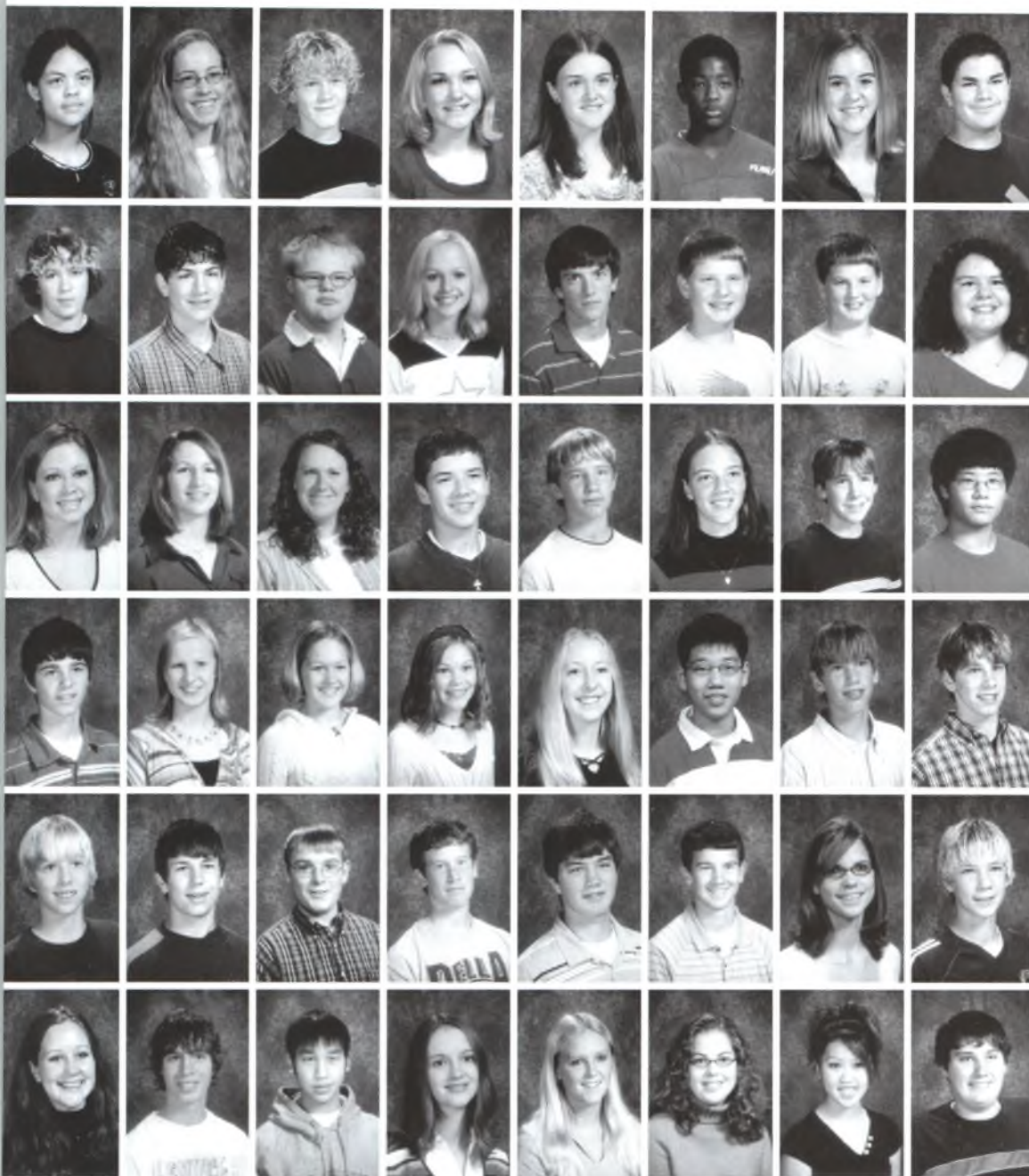
Bjorn Bagnall
Sarah Bakerink (home-schooled)
Elizabeth Bandstra
Andrew Barber
Trey Behning
Walker Bell
Ryan Bentzinger
Philip Beyer
Kevin Bills
Chris Black
Representative Clayton Boeyink
Brady Bogaard
Heather Borgman
Colin Boswell
Aric Bradley
Tarin Bradley

John Bramlett
Alyssa Brobst
Brandon Caldwell
Samantha Carton-Pennell
Jessica Clark
Riley Cooper
Nick Corbin
Andrew Corum

Andrew Crosby
Danielle De Haan
Derrick De Heer
Kayla De Jong
Jeannie De Kruif
Elizabeth DePenning
Kyle Dickenson
Gracie Egglund

Nicole Ellingson
Heather Elsluo
Natalie Elzinga
Allie Engelbrecht
Jon Erickson
Ashley Estabrook
David Evans
Nathan Farmer





Rebekah Fernandez
Katie Fetterman
Mason Fillmore
Cassie Fisk
Cassie Fitzsimmons
Chris Forbush
President Mary Fox
Mike Franco

Anton Fuller
Quincy Garner
Cody Goering
Tiffany Goldman
Wyatt Goodrich
Alex Gosselink
Eric Gosselink
Maddison Guarena

Abby Hall
LaDonna Haning
Nikki Hawkins
Ross Hogan
Michael Holthaus
Kayli Hrdlicka
Derek Jensen
Yu Yang Jin

Cody Jones
Tiffany Kelderhouse-Tucker
Asheley Kephart
Blake Kermode
Erin Kraayenbrink
Josh Kim
Kaleb Korver
Klarc Korver

Kiley Kraayenbrink
Corey Esperancee
Jeremiah Landon
Greg Langenfeld
Reid Lanser
John Lee
Courtney Lehmkuhl
Tanner Lind

Jacci Linn
Tyler Linn
Tyler Lo
Heidi Lockridge
Tiffany Long
Anna Loux
Melissa Lovan
Will Lubberden

How do you feel about other people having your name?

Ashley Vander Hoek: It's all right, but it gets confusing because so many people have the name Ashley. when someone calls out your name we all turn and look.

Ashley Wood: It's doesn't bother me really, just when I am in a group of people with more than one Ashley. We all respond if one of us is called.

What are your favorite hobbies?

Ashley Vander Hoek: I like to play sports, hang out with my friends, baby-sit my baby cousins, and go shopping.

Ashley Wood: My favorite hobbies are managing the football team and playing Play-station 2.

Ashley
Vander Hoek



NGAME

Ashley
Wood



What do you do in your spare time?

Ashley Vander Hoek: I like to run, listen to music, read and get on the Internet.

Ashley Wood: I hang out with friends, listen to music, play Play-station 2 and watch football.

If you could change your name what would it be?

Ashley Vander Hoek: I would change it to Libby or Olivia, because they are so rare.

Ashley Wood: I would change it to Trinity.

Where do you shop the most?

Ashley Vander Hoek: My favorite store is Gadzooks.

Ashley Wood: I shop the most at Pac Sun.

Chris MacDonald
Jon MacRunnel
Kelsey Manecke
Anna Mansueto
Kevin Mason
Lauren Mason
Chloe Mathonnet-Vanderwell
Kayla Matice

Margaret McCann
Wes McNabb
Alex Meyer
Carrie Meyer
Markus Meyers
Amanda Miller
Cally Moffet
Zach Morgan

Erin Morse
Stephanie Mukai
Alison Muller
Karlise Olsen
Michael Ozinga
Holly Parks
Tiffanie Peterman
Megan Pfadenhauer

Ryan Pfadenhauer
Josh Pierce
Jennifer Pothoven
Representative Drew Randol
Christa Ravestein
Michelle Renaud
Sarah Riggen
Lindley Roorda

Wilson Roorda
Chris Rowley
Mallory Rykhoek
Joy Scharff
Emily Scheckel
Derek Schipull
Jameson Schoenfelder
Daniel Schroder

Kathy Schuring
Sarah Schuring
Chelsea Scott
Andrea Shrout

COMPARE & CONTRAST

OLDEST

YOUNGEST

LONGEST HAIR

SHORTEST HAIR



Clayton
Boeyink

4-02-88

Candace
Yang

10-31-87



Mike
Franco

10-21-89



Blake
Kermode

9-11-89



Mason
Fillmore



Kirsten
Van
Dusseldorp



John Lee



Leah
Vander
Hart

Alex is the twin brother of **Eric Gosselink**,

who had math class with **Jill Sorensen**,

who had lunch with **Kelsey Manecke**,

who was friends with **Kirsten Van Dusseldorp**,

who was in dance along with **Jacci Linn**.

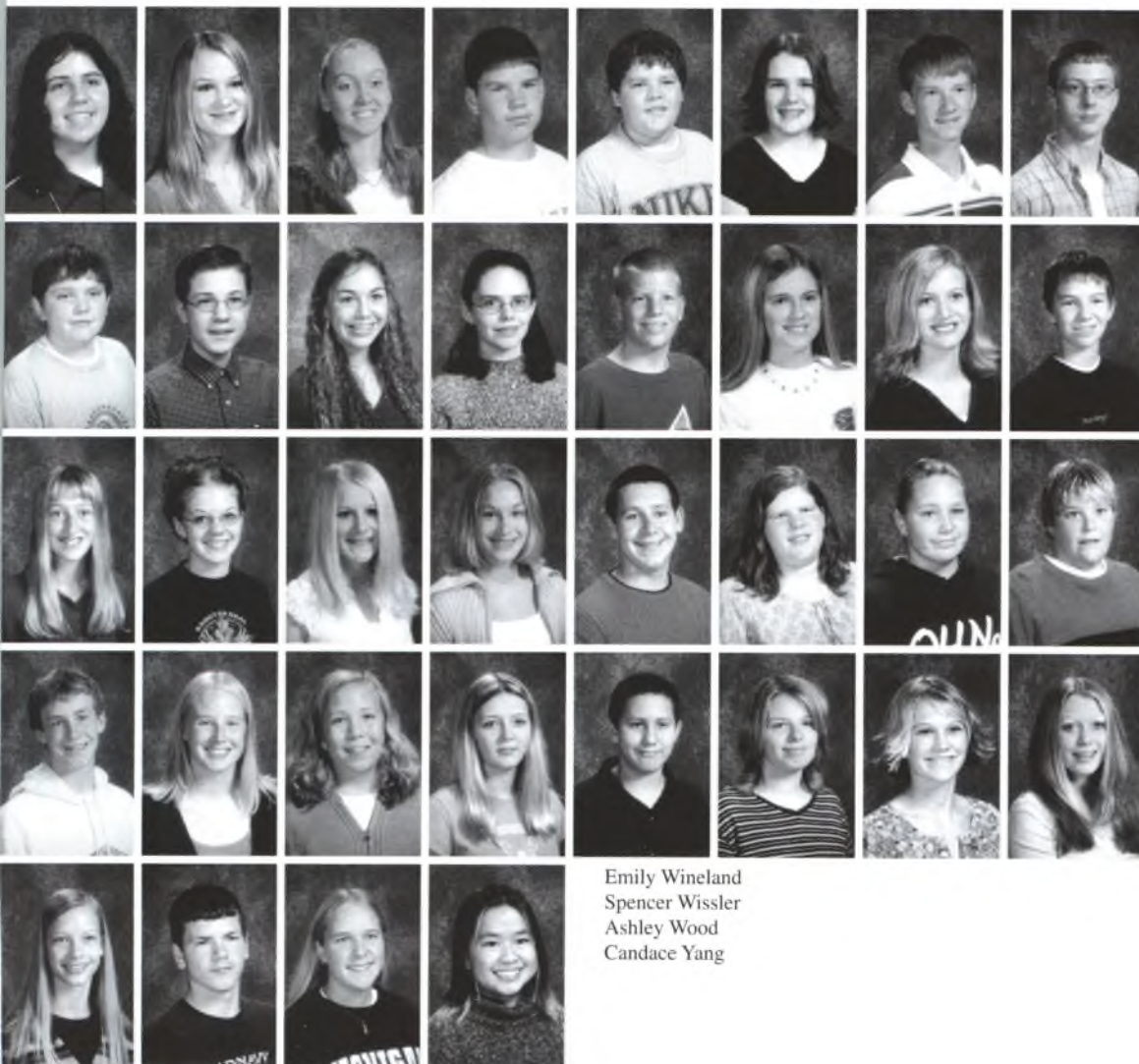
who was in volleyball with **Allie Engelbrecht**,

just like **Mary Fox**

as did **Kayla Simpson** who was in student council

who had band with **Philip Beyer** who lives in Bos Landen

who dated **Trey Behning**



Representative Kayla Simpson

Jill Sorensen
Jessica Starkey
Aaron Steenhoek
Justin Steil
Sarah Thomas
Jake Thompson
Adam Toom

Chris Valster
Andy Van Donselaar
Kirsten Van Dusseldorp
Sarah Van Elsen
Tylor Van Gorp
Paula Van Hal
Alayna Van Hall
Josh Van Heukelom

Renee Van Roekel
Leah Vander Hart
Ashley Vander Hoek
Kayleen Vander Horst
Nolan Vander Weide
D.J. Vander Hyde
Mallory Ver Meer
Jordan Versteeg

Skyler Verros
Tressa Versteeg
Emma Vollmar
Nicole Vos
David Ward
Corissa Williams
Katie Williamson
Emily Wilson

Emily Wineland
Spencer Wissler
Ashley Wood
Candace Yang

Faculty/Staff members' reveal interesting facts through ...

- Holly Van Kooten

1. One faculty/staff member has been employed at PHS for 42 years. Name him/her.

tallest faculty members. How tall are they?

2. **Mark Core** (government, sociology), **Mark Williams** (agricultural science and technology, environmental science), and **Matt Schulte** (math, programming) are the

3. **Beth Glasnapp** (French), **Linda Nollen** (study hall assoc.), and **Karen Fitzsimmons** (resource room assoc.) are the shortest faculty/staff members. How short are they?

4. How many faculty/staff members are new this year?

5. Which faculty/staff member owns a Bearded Dragon named Steve?

6. One faulty/staff member has been married 38 years. Name him/her.

7. **Jim Emmert** (art), **Margene Van Horn** (physical education), **Bill Van Horn** (athletics director) and **Brian Huddle** (at-risk coordinator) have more than three and less than seven children. How many do they have?

1. Joyce Nelson (family and consumer sciences); 2. 633.3, 572.14, eighth; 5. Karen Ryals (resource room instructor); 6. Ella Kool (guidance secretary); 7. five.

Beth Anderson, resource room associate
Carmen Anderson, curriculum director secretary
Mike Ballenger, counselor, boys' basketball
nk, world religions, economics, world geography
Clarence Bergmann, media center director
Guy Blair, instrumental music

Bev Brass, language arts
Teri Buitenwerf, office secretary
Les Carter, science
Michelle Chaplin, vocal music
Sandy Cooper, food service
Mark Core, social studies, boys' basketball

Kristy De Jong, hearing impaired interpreter
 Charlee Eckhoff, orchestra
 Jim Emmert, art
 Patty ErkenBrack, media center associate, book club
 Lowell Ernst, curriculum director
 Bob Fessler, physical education, volleyball

Karen Fitzsimmons, resource room associate
Beth Glasnapp, French
Sandy Glassel, custodian
Mark Goodrich, industrial technology, TSA
April Gruver, resource room
Bryant Hancock, social studies, volleyball, wrestling

Cathy Hones, science
Brian Huddle, at-risk, football, girls' basketball
Max Killoren, custodian
Gretchen Klein, Spanish
Ella Kool, guidance secretary
Mark Lee, principal

Regina Linn, language arts, book club
Dennis Linn, math
Bill Lubach, resource room
Lance Maffin, science
Steve Mc Combs, instrumental music
Jay McKinstrey, business, football, peer helper



Ann Visser is a NWMSU graduate just like



Mark Goodrich who has a freshman son (**Wyatt**) just like



Mike Ballenger, Dave Bensink, Teri Buitenwerf, Kristy De Jong, Charlee Eekhoff, Jim Emmert, Ella Kool, Linda Nollen, Karen Ryals, Shelly Sample, Matt Schulte, Jeffy Schuring, Lisa Witzenburg



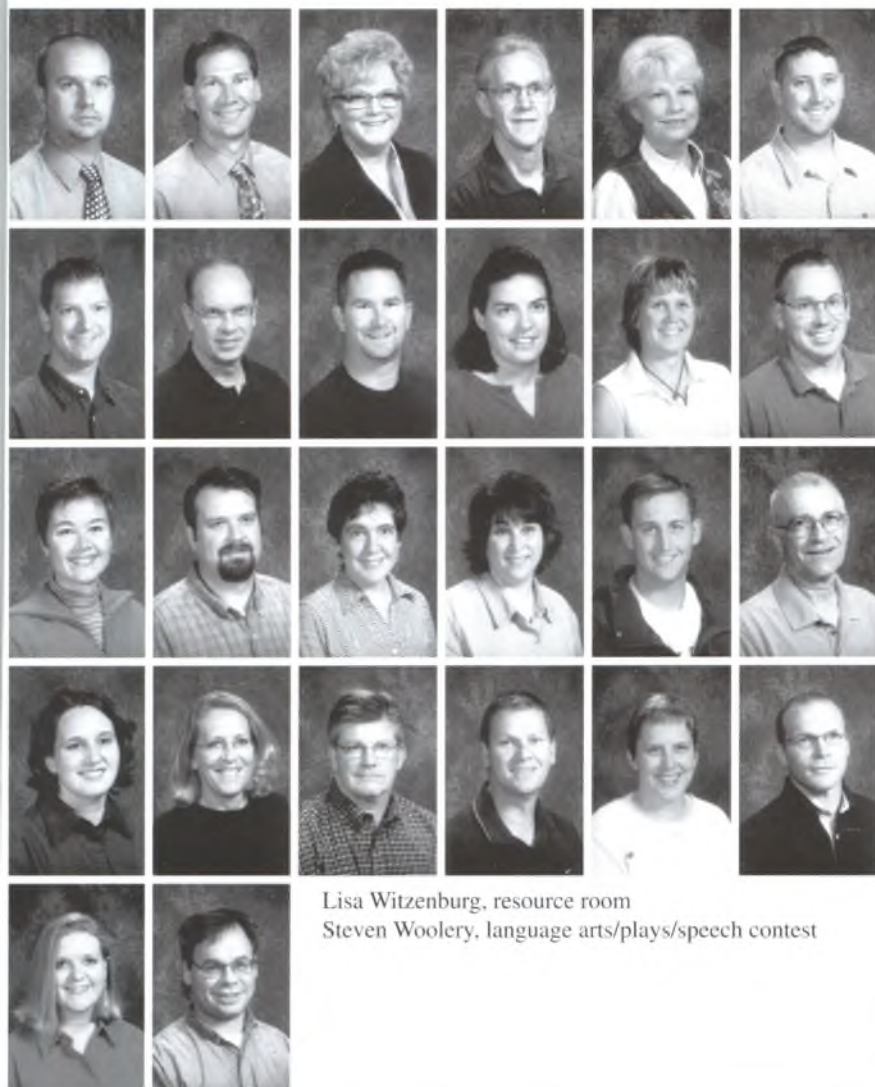
Karen Ryals' husband. **Ryals** happens to be a Pella High graduate, just like



Mark Lee (John) who loves the Iowa State Cyclones just like



Dak Rasmussen who graduated from ISU with **April Gruver** whose husband works at Pella Corp. just like



Lisa Witzenburg, resource room
Steven Woolery, language arts/plays/speech contest

Bryan Mours, social studies, boys' tennis
Eric Nelson, assistant principal, NHS
Joyce Nelson, family and consumer science, FHA
Jon Nibbelink, math
Linda Nollen, study hall supervisor, Mock Trial
Eric Pingel, A+, computer

Dak Rasmussen, social studies, student council
Dick Redman, instrumental music, jazz band
Dave Ross, language arts, football, weight room
Karen Ryals, resource room
Shelly Sample, study hall supervisor
Matt Schulte, math, football

Jeffy Schuring, office secretary
Jeff Siewert, science
Paloma Soria, Spanish
Julie Stratton, art
Corey Thorson, p.e., football, girls' basketball, weight room
Don Trow, industrial tech., school-to-career

Wendy Vander Linden, language arts
Margene Van Horn, p.e., girls' tennis, intramurals
Bill Van Horn, athletics director
Mike Vint, counselor, girls' basketball
Ann Visser, language arts/journalism
Scott Williamson, math, cross country

NOT PICTURED:

Edie Buwalda, custodian
Cheryl Ferguson, food service
Teresa Houser, food service
Rita Moneysmith, custodian
Kate See, food service
Kathy Schreiner, custodian
Roxanne Sloan, food service
Sharon Smith, food service

Donna Terlouw, food service
Gail Ver Meer, food service
Charma Vander Wert, office secretary
Melissa Walker, Spanish
Walt Ward, custodian
Mark Williams, ag science, FFA, girls' golf

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♦Senior **Blair Verhoef** and junior **Ashley Roorda** celebrate their Feb. 21 birthdays together. "It was definitely a good time. Who doesn't have fun with doing a little karaoke?" said **Roorda**.

♦Freshmen **Jeremiah Landon** and **Kevin Mason** served the guests attending the Feb. 7 Cabaret. "It was really busy; we almost ran out of food. Other than that, it was fun, and it went smooth," said **Landon**.

♦Senior **Megan McCombs** shows off her sense of humor during the Tulip Queen Announcement party. "It was a great honor and experience just to be nominated. It was a wonderful evening I will remember always," said **McCombs**.

♦Seniors **Emily Goodyk** and **Lyndsay Van Maaren** led the crowd in cheers at the Osky basketball game. "Since we had a lack of cheerleaders, it was more fun for us to get the crowd pumped up," said **Goodyk**.



ENTERTAINMENT...

Students engaged themselves in all kinds of activities outside of school. Some students enjoyed playing in a band while others had fun dressing up at sporting events to support the Dutch. Junior **Heather Linn** found herself having fun spending time with her friends. "Usually we didn't like to do the same things over every weekend. My friends liked to be daring and fun, so we thought of the most random things to do; otherwise, we just liked hanging out and watching movies or playing games is fun too," said **Linn**. Senior girls took on the role of cheerleaders and enjoyed leading the crowd in cheers because of the lack of cheerleaders. "Cheering at the games was a lot of fun because it brought us together and gave us fun road trips to the games. Hopefully, we brought more school spirit to the athletes and the crowd," said senior **Danielle Brillhart**. Juniors **Erika Engelbrecht** and **Bridget Prescott**, background right, had fun goofing off at the winter formal.

•Jordan Bloodsworth



♦Junior **Lacey Pender** and sophomore **Ashley Dorman** danced in their free time at the Jan. 31 Marching Auxiliaries Regional Competition in Shawnee Mission, Kan. The Forté white squad received best choreography in pom and military.

STUDENT LIFE FUN

Senior **Chris Landon** blows his whistle at a kid for violating a rule at the outdoor pool



The varsity volleyball girls took a break from the "bump, set, spike" routine at senior **Becky Steenhoek's** pool after a tournament at the University of Northern Iowa.



❖ "Working in the concession stand was a great experience. I was surprised on how much candy we could go through in just one day," said senior **Sara Ver Meer**. Ver Meer worked as a life guard and concession stand worker for the whole summer.



❖ "During the summer, my family took a trip to Canada to fish. I didn't catch very many fish, so it was really boring. When I caught a fish, it was fun, but I didn't touch it!" said junior **Bobbi Van Zante**.



SUMMER



"For (junior) **Brianna Garrard's** birthday, she drove us all to White Water University. The most exciting part was having our lemonade slushy fight," said sophomore **Stephanie Pearson**.

Seniors **Jordan Bloodsworth, Danielle Brillhart, Lauren Birkel** and **Angela LoThi** attended a journalism workshop at Kansas University in Lawrence, KS. "KU was tons of fun. I met some really interesting people and learned some cool stuff. There were a bunch of cute Jayhawks all over campus too. This one represents the Tin Man in the 'Wizard of Oz,'" said **LoThi**.

Swimming, volleyball and cross country practice began today.

School started.



The JV football team practices lunges on a hot summer day.



Senior **Lisa Yang** uses her senior release to study for a class.



National Guard representatives brought the rock wall for students to climb on during p.e. classes. They also led team building activities.



Seniors had pictures taken by Designer Images photographer **Jeff Bokhoven** for all color senior pictures for the yearbook.



Mock trials were held in **Mark Core's** judiciary government classes. Senior **Sarah Van Wyk** testifies as a witness in her trial.



Yellow Ribbon Day in memory of **Leah Robinson**, a member of the Class of 2004 who died a year ago in a car accident.

"It was nice to get out of school for the afternoon and play the game that we'll all be playing when we're 60," said senior **Matt Schnell** regarding the senior golf outing for p.e.



Picture Day.

Senior **Emily Bensink**, junior **Jordan Williams** and 2003 graduate **Sharilene Hoekstra** were selected for 2003 All-District team for golf.

Richard Nelson, the brother of Assistant Principal **Eric Nelson**, passed away in San Antonio, Tex.

Principal **Mark Lee's** mother **Dorothy** passed away in Branson.

First Day of Homecoming Week ... Powder Puff game - won by freshmen/seniors.

Seniors **Josh Smith** and **Kelly Eysink** were elected to the homecoming court.



❖ "It was great to be able to show school spirit. It's not really the best picture of me, though," said junior **Kristopher Harthoorn**. Harthoorn dressed up as a farm boy on Hick Day.



❖ Senior **Karen Williams**, senior **Natasha Vander Weide** and sophomore **Narissa Vander Weide** eat ice cream sundaes during an FHA meeting. "Free ice cream rocks," said **Williams**.



SEPTEMBER
S E P T E M B E R



❖Senior **Alexis Baugh** was one of the many students in the play "Makin It." "I have been in the play in the past years. I have a lot of fun being in the productions. I like playing a personality that is not my own personality," said **Baugh**.

Homecoming games were played in the afternoon. After the games, everyone went to watch the class skits. The seniors won.

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Sophomores **Lindsey Jansen** and **Erika Ter Louw** watch as **Jansen's** kitten makes its way through the maze during an experiment they conducted in biology.

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The Little Dutch defeated Norwalk, 27-23, homecoming night.



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Weather in the 80's promoted juniors **Kevin Graham** and **Cody Mock** to eat their lunch outside. "It was nice to get outside and away from school," said **Mock**.

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Sophomores took the PLAN test in preparation for the ACT'S.

Twenty-three members of the Pelladium/ Duchess staffs attended the IHSPA state conference in Iowa City.

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Sophomores ordered their class rings with their parents. "I think the class rings are pretty sweet, except some are overpriced. They're memorable," said sophomore **Jason Semidey**.

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The band marched with the Jefferson Elementary fifth graders during band practice.



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OCTOBER

❖Seniors **Courtney Fleenor** and **Toney Chem** dance to a song in the lip sync contest during homecoming. "This is the second year **Toney** and I participated in the lip sync contest. It's always a blast because we get together and choreograph somewhat. It's fun to perform in front of everybody," said **Fleenor**.



Student council met at sponsor **Dak Rasmussen's** house for a cookout. "We got to eat food and watch T.V. It was so much more fun than it usually is," said sophomore **Jason Dole**, with senior **13 Whitney Metcalf**.

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Seniors **Darvin Graham**, **Toney Chem** and **Alison Corbett** all had solos at the music concert. "For our first concert, things went pretty well. It was fun," said **Corbett**.

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ISH held a concert at Smokey Row with Jamison Parker and the Plain White T's. "It was fun to play at Smokey Row. It was nice for the Plain White T's to play with us again," said sophomore **Phil Davidson**.

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Sophomores in honors biology traveled to ISU, Ames, for a project. "I thought the trip was informational. It was fun and a good way to see what the campus at ISU is like," said sophomore **Candi Zwank**.

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Pelladium/Duchess staffs went to Drake, Des Moines, to the IHSPA conference. "Some of us had our little groups, but we connected with people we didn't know," said junior **Heather Linn**.

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End of First Quarter

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Many students tried out for all-state. Seniors **Darvin Graham** and **Megan McCombs** made it for choir, with junior **Lindsy Blair** in orchestra and senior **Jessie Wilson** in band.

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The girls' varsity volleyball team competed against Washington in districts and won all three games.

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Faculty and staff threw a going-away party for secretary **Jeffy Schuring**; her last day here was Oct. 31. She left to take a job at Central College.

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"Makin' It" debuted. It was also performed on Nov. 1.

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The Lady Dutch varsity volleyball team lost their regional final games 3-0 to Mount Pleasant.

One-hour early dismissal due to parent-teacher conferences.

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No School.

1 Sophomores **Amanda Veenstra** and **Meagan Dahlin** assisted crafters during the Publications Craft Show.



No school today due to a water main break.

The Tulip Queen Announcement Party was held at the high school. Senior **Lindsay Graham** was chosen as a member of the Court.

A pep rally was held for the Little Dutch varsity football team. They played in the semi-finals against Chariton.

Many students attended TEC held at Trinity Reformed Church. TEC lasted until Sunday.



The choir traveled to Waukee for the conference music festival.

Juniors take ITEDS tests.

Seniors **Blair Verhoef**, **Hannah Smith** and **Angela LoThi** hang out at the seniors' cabin party. "The party was so much fun. It was on a school night, so the next day we were all zombies," said **LoThi**.

Seniors **Darvin Graham** and **Megan McCombs** performed at the all-state concert. Senior **Jessie Wilson** and junior **Lindsay Blair** performed in the band and orchestra.

Seniors **Sophia Linn** and **Paola Espinosa** sing in madrigals at the Festival of Trees in the Pella Opera House.

Thanksgiving Break



❖ Sophomore **Janelle Bollard** talks to junior **Naina Barnett** at the performance of "Makin It." "I really enjoyed being in the play this year. It was cool to do something different than "The Crucible"

❖ Freshman **Erin Kraayenbrink** and her family went to see 1999 graduate **Kyle Korver** play for the 76ers Nov. 7 in Chicago. "It was fun to watch him on the court playing, to know he was from our home town and now playing in the NBA," said **Kraayenbrink**.



last year," said **Bollard**.

❖ Juniors **Jill Van Vark** and **Brianna Ybarrola** entertain themselves during a break in the ITEDS. "Taking the ITEDS was very stressful, so we decided to give ourselves a break by competing in a head-stand competition," said **Van Vark**.



Wrestlers hosted a chili supper as a fundraiser for the team at the United Methodist Church. "It was a huge success. Anytime we can raise money to support our team is terrific," said Coach **Bryant Hancock**.

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Boys began their swimming season with their first meet in Ottumwa. They lost to Marshalltown.

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Freshman **Blake Kermode** performs with the Green Forte Squad at Vets Auditorium during the state drill team competition.

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Sophomore **Jon De Haan** uses his study hall time to work on a geography assignment.

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Seniors received the letters they wrote themselves in eighth grade. "I found it funny that my goals in eighth grade are nothing like what I want now," said senior **Savannah Veenstra**.

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The winter vocal concert was held on the 13th. Freshman **Tarin Bradley** was a part of the treble choir and had a solo during the song "Santa Baby."

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DECEMBER

❖ Many sophomores and some upperclassmen got their class rings on December 11th. Sophomore **Briana Pfadenhauer** (right) was excited to get hers. "My class ring is a great keepsake that I'll have to remember Pella High. It was really exciting to finally get it because I had waited so long. It's really special to me," said **Pfadenhauer**. Many students got their birthstones, their initials and their graduation year on their rings.



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The high school band concert was rescheduled due to a snow storm on the 9th. Sophomore **Samantha Hunt** practices in preparation for the band concert.

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Student council's food drive was won by the sophomores. Over 600 items were donated for use at the Pella Food Shelf.

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Junior **Taylor Lind** makes a shot in the game against Grinnell. Lind scored 11 points for the team. The Little Dutch won, 68-58.

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Sophomore **Morgan Mock** went to Cedar Rapids over the holiday break. "I got to hang out with some friends at a historical village. It was fun," said **Mock**.

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Freshman **Kelsey Manecke** received a Bible for Christmas.

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Junior **Luke Borgman** had a New Year's Eve party. "We were lighting off bottle rockets and (junior) **Andrew Bradley** decided he wanted to have more fun and ended up lighting his pants and sweatshirt on fire!" said **Borgman**.

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❖ Freshman **Mary Fox** was very surprised at one of her Christmas presents. "I got a plane ticket to Arizona for spring break. I was yelling and was so excited you couldn't even understand what I was saying! I couldn't wait to go!" said **Fox**.



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❖Students had mixed feelings about coming back to school after break. "I liked not having tests to dread, but I hated having to start waking up early again," said senior **Natasha Vander Weide**. "I enjoyed getting to see all my friends again, but I didn't like all the stress from school and the things that you have to get accustomed to again," said junior **Kyle Oppenhuizen** (left, working on the computer).

Junior **Megan Renaud**, seniors **Mary Beth Jones** and **Natasha Vander Weide** and sophomore **Hillary Renaud** at the Impact weekend for their church in Des Moines.

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Freshman **Clayton Boeyink** looks for someone to pass to in the game against PCM. The Little Dutch lost 71-48.



FFA's ski trip, resulted in injury for one student. "I broke my thumb while I was skiing," said sophomore **Jeff Seekamp**.



Sophomore **Tonna Phiv** tries to get a strike for bowling in P.E. The bowling unit lasted five weeks, with four of them were at Excite-A-Bowl, Pella's local bowling alley.



Senior **Lara Van Wyk** concentrates on the game against Oskaloosa. The Lady Dutch won, 48-41.



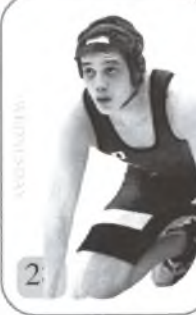
Sophomore **Lindsey Jansen** and junior **Heather Linn** have fun in the snow.



Wrestlers (sophomore) **Brad Janssen**, left, and (seniors) **Brian Melhus** and **Joe Burch** were double winners at the meet against Clarke/Centerville.



Senior **Richard Spierenburg** practices for his performance with senior **Alexis Baugh** in "Doll's House" for district speech contest at PCM.



Sophomore **Ben Van Wyk** gets ready to compete in the meet against Boone. Pella won, 45-33.



❖Juniors **Luisa** and **Bruno Orticeili**, their mom, **Jenny**, and stepdad, **Wayne Stienstra** went back to Brazil during break. "It was exciting to see things for the first time, especially the Christ the Redeemer statue, Sugar Loaf mountain and the Maracana, the world's largest soccer stadium," said **Luisa**. "I have one comment: Brazil, the way life is intended to be," said **Bruno**.



MONDAY

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1 p.m. early dismissal/snow. "It would be a tragedy if some student who lives way out in the country got into an accident just because we needed to squeeze in extra minutes," said senior

2 **Alex Schuring.**

TUESDAY

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Adaptive P.E. students traveled to Simpson College for a basketball tournament. "It was neat how they adapted games to fit to the students," said senior **Bryce Steenhoek.**

WEDNESDAY

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Senior ski trip ***
8th grade orientation was held in the morning. Junior **Kyle Oppenhuizen** helps explain what it is like to be on the newspaper staff.

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THURSDAY

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No School - Snow Day



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FRIDAY

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Girls' Track practice begins.

Senior **Toney Chem** participates in show choir **AcaPella** at Winterset.

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Two-hour early dismissal for staff development.

Yearbook/newspaper business poster picture was taken by **Jeff Bokhoven.**

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SATURDAY

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Spanish I classes performed fashion shows while learning how to say articles of clothing. Freshman **Alex Meyer** models her outfit for the class. "It was very stressful because we kept forgetting all of our props," said freshman **Meyer.**

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Valentine's Day
Show Choir performed at Benton and placed third.

FEBRUARY

♦ Junior **Alli Linn** and senior **Jon Erickson** perform in their percussion ensemble in the lobby before a music concert. The ensemble also participated at the Perry Band Olympics. "The percussion ensemble went pretty well, and I worked really hard on my solo. My hard work paid off because I received fourth place, which was really exciting," said **Linn.**



ISH (graduate **Dan De Haan**, seniors **Izaak Holt**, **Ryan Boswell** and **Kelley Van Hemert**, sophomore **Phil Davidson**) played with Everyday Sunday at Third Reformed Church

JV boys' basketball lost both games to Pella Christian. "I had confidence going into the games but then we played our worst two games of the season," said sophomore **Jason Dole.**

Cantus Firmus (senior **Kelley Van Hemert**, sophomores **Kerry Van Hemert** and **Phil Davidson**) performed at Vaudeville Mews in Des Moines.

17 Orchestra concert.

WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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Vocal concert held in auditorium.

FRIDAY

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In a jam-packed gymnasium, the eventual 2A state champion PCM boys' basketball team visited Pella and came away with a 72-48 win over the Little Dutch.

SATURDAY

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Students earned 57 "I" ratings at the Perry Band Olympics. Twenty entries received "Top 5" rankings in their categories.

SUNDAY

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Parent Teacher Conferences.

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MONDAY

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60 min. early dismissal for parent teacher conferences.

TUESDAY

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60 minute early dismissal; parent teacher conferences.

National Honor Society induction. NHS sponsor **Eric Nelson** congratulates sophomore **Amy Martens.**

WEDNESDAY

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No School.



Drill Team Night was held in the gym. Junior **Skyler Dobernecker** dances with the green squad. "Forté Night was lots of fun. We had a really good turnout," said **Dobernecker.**

THURSDAY

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COMFY. Sophomores **Jessica Terlouw** and **Paige Nelson** hang out in the newly-refurnished guidance office during their lunch period.

It was like trading spaces in the newly re-modeled guidance office. With the help of decorator **Jane Smith** and her crew, the guidance area was redecorated over spring break.

"Somebody told me that our guidance office looked like a warehouse with all of the filing cabinets. I had always wanted change, but this made me realize it needed to be done. Jane

Smith designed Mr. **Korver's** room using volunteers and donations," said **Vint.**

The group painted the walls, added a couch, rug and designed a new table for the outer office. Each of the counselor's offices was also repainted.

AVOIDING

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Wrestlers held their banquet. Senior **Joe Burch** was named Most Valuable Wrestler.

Boys' Track Practice Starts

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Four members of Newton High School's student council visited and toured with student council members. "The kids were really friendly, really talkative and really obnoxious," said junior **Nathan De Zwarte**.

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AVOIDING

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End of 3rd quarter.

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Girls' basketball played at state, losing 50-30. For senior **Tara Sorensen**, it was her fourth trip to the state tournament as a member of the basketball team.

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AVOIDING

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Sophomores **Steph Fleenor** and **James Rozenboom** practice swing dances in P.E. "It was really fun and was a good change," said **Fleenor**.

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Junior **Zach Hogan** participated in Hoops for Heart which raised \$1,609.57 for the American Heart Association. Jump Rope raised \$1,548.25.

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AVOIDING

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School was dismissed two hours early due to snow.

Yearbook staff member **Lauren Birkel** hams it up during staff page pictures.

AVOIDING

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The girls' basketball banquet was held. Senior **Tara Sorensen** was named MVP of the team.

Snow Day ... record-setting snows hit the area.

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AVOIDING

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St. Patrick's Day was a special day for sophomore **Conor O'Brien**. "It's a good way to express my heritage, and it's a lot of fun," said **O'Brien**.



AVOIDING

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FFA members held their annual banquet at the high school. Members were honored for a variety of reasons, including scholarship, contests and fruit sales.

AVOIDING

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Fifty-nine students and staff were first-time blood donors today. "Mr. (**Corey**) **Thorson** gave me all the cans to take to the redemption center, which made up for the loss of energy," said senior **Natasha Vander Weide**.

AVOIDING

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AVOIDING

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Spring Break meant vacations. Spring Break meant appointments. Spring Break meant relaxing. Spring Break meant no school from March 19-28.



AVOIDING

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Juniors **Luke Borgman** and **Cody Kirby** work during a serve trip to New Orleans. "We had a little mower trouble, so we got ourselves a little redneck ingenuity and decided to mow old school style," said **Borgman**.



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AVOIDING

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Sophomore **Jenna Parker** scuba dives in Florida. "Even though I got seasick on the way back, scuba diving was one of the best parts of my trip," said **Parker**. She spent the week at Ocean Reef Resort with her sister and brother-in-law.

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AVOIDING

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AVOIDING

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TSA winners at the competition in Johnston were sophomores **A.J. Nunnikhoven**, **Tim Noteboom** and **Chris Rus**, first, technology bowl, and, sophomore **Jeff Seekamp**, second, CO² car.

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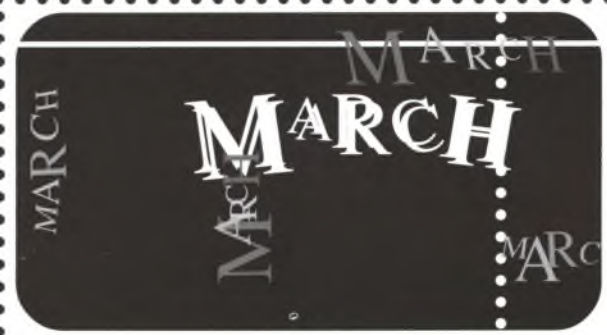
AVOIDING

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❖Senior **Brandon Boat** gets ready for Mock Trial. He said Mock Trial did a lot to change his way of thinking. "Through the wonders of Mock Trial, I've been able to manipulate the legal system to my advantage over others," said **Boat**.

❖For English teacher **Wendy Vander Linden**, a trip to Florida's DisneyWorld was a spring break highlight. **Vander Linden** and her husband **Mark** were able to pose for this picture with Mickey Mouse, along with viewing all of the other attractions at DisneyWorld.





❖ A large 25-pound fish was found on the ground in front of the east gym door entrance on April 7. School employee **Mark Anthony** placed the fish in the back of a golf cart to take it away. "Hannah (**Smith**), **Lacey (Beyer)** and I were walking into the school, just talking and not paying attention. All of a sudden, **Lacey** screamed 'FISH!' All three of us could have stepped on it if she hadn't said anything," said senior **Erin Sokol**.

Freshman **Nikki Hawkins** throws the discus at the Waukee track meet. The Dutch placed second. "Track has been really fun this year. Getting to know all the other girls on the team was a good experience," said **Hawkins**.



History students toured a "bus museum" to become more aware about the midwest POW's of Nazi Germany.



Senior **Andy Oldridge** prepares to serve against his Norwalk opponent. Pella defeated Norwalk, 6-5.



Boys' track participated in the Panther Relays in Knoxville. Pella tied for sixth with Pella Christian.



❖ Sophomores **Jessica Rietveld**, **Erika Ter Louw** and junior **Michelle Holthaus**, members of Third Reformed Church, volunteer their time April 18 to mulch West Market Park. "I had a lot of fun mulching because I got to work with my friends and do a good deed at the same time," said **Rietveld**.



Junior **Lindsay Blair** aims to score. The varsity girls' soccer team beat Norwalk 4-1 during the first home game of the season.

The varsity boys' soccer team defeated Dallas Center-Grimes 2-1.



Junior **Luke Borgman** set up prom decorations. The theme was "Frosted Fantasy."

Boys' golf defeated Grinnell at the Grinnell Dual, 154-165. Senior **Jasen Dahm** was medalist.

Boys' track placed eighth at the Osky relays.

Juniors **Kara Filmore**, **Aleshia Thomas** and **Jenny Torres** dance to the "Cha Cha Slide" at the Junior-Senior Prom.



Boys' tennis defeated North Polk, 10-1. Senior **Dan George** placed first in singles, and **George** and senior **Matt Snyder** placed first in doubles.

Boys' soccer shut out the Knoxville Panthers 9-0; the J.V. boys' game was cancelled due to weather.

Freshman **Nathan Fredrick** plays the cello at the orchestra concert. "I thought it went very well, especially since my brother held his cell phone up so my dad on the other end could hear us play," said **Fredrick**.

Girls' tennis placed first at the Knoxville Invitational with junior **Lindsay Blair**, senior **Becky Steenhoek** and freshman **Sarah Schuring** placing first in singles.

Girls' golf won the Oskaloosa Inv. Senior **Emily Bensink** was the medalist; runner-up was junior **Jordan Williams**.

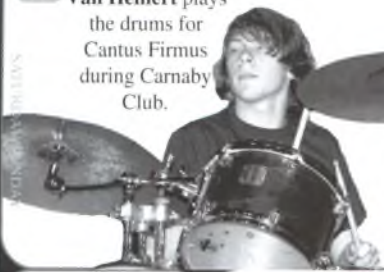


Seniors **Angela LoThi**, **Blair Verhoef**, **Lauren Birkel** and **Jordan Bloodworth** surround Adviser **Ann Visser** as they find free time in yearbook class to be goofy. "We had our fun and games, but then it was time to get down to business," said **Birkel**.



Senior **Tony Chem** participated in this year's Carnaby Club. "Carnaby Club was fun as usual. The one thing that I liked better this year was the stage. It was a lot more open, and we needed something different after a lot of years. Being in Carnaby Club for four years was great and I will have to admit that I'll be missing it. But, I'll be moving away from the stage to the big screen in the near future," said **Chem**.

1/2 Sophomore **Kerry Van Hemert** plays the drums for Cantus Firmus during Carnaby Club.



Varsity and JV girls' soccer defeated Pella Christian. Varsity won, 10-0, JV, 2-0. Boys' tennis defeated Knoxville, 11-0. This win clinched the Little Hawkeye Conference championship.

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For social studies instructor **Bryant Hancock** and his family, this was the last night before they were joined by a new family member - Ryan Nasaru Hancock - coming from Korea into Des Moines on May 6.

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Seniors **Megan McCombs** and **Katie Ozinga** wave to the many Tulip Time attendees during the afternoon parade. "Being a part of the 2004 royal court was a wonderful experience! The five of us had an awesome time together and greatly enjoyed our Tulip Time festivities. It was an awesome time," said **McCombs**.



Girls' golf finished first in the Redette Invitational at Centerville. Boys' golf finished second and will advance to sectionals.

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Girls' tennis placed first at the Little Hawkeye Conference. Girls' track won the conference meet with 96 points. Boys' tennis took second place at the Little Hawkeye Conference.

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Senior **Alison Corbett** shows her gratitude for instructor **Joyce Nelson** at Senior Award Night. **Corbett** was one of three students chosen to receive the psychology department award.

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Girls' golf team won districts at South Tama by 48 strokes. Senior **Emily Bensink** was first, junior **Jordan Williams**, second, and senior **Ashley Gritters**, third.

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Senior **David Trotter** drove his lawn mower to school on the seniors' last day.

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Seniors **Danielle Brillhart**, **Joe Burch**, **Chris Buitenwerf** and **Justin Caldwell** listen to senior speaker **Darvin Graham** during commencement.



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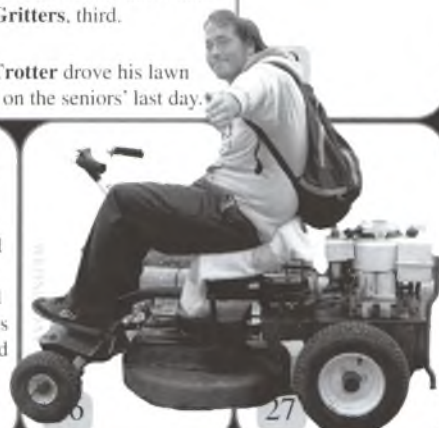
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Sophomore **Jeff Seekamp** throws a boomerang during world geography class, illustrating how a weapon was used for hunting in earlier days in Australia.

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Boys' soccer lost to Norwalk in second round of districts, 3-0. Undefeated and third ranked Pella girls' soccer team defeated the Ottumwa Bulldogs 2-1. The Dutch moved on in regional play.

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Memorial Day

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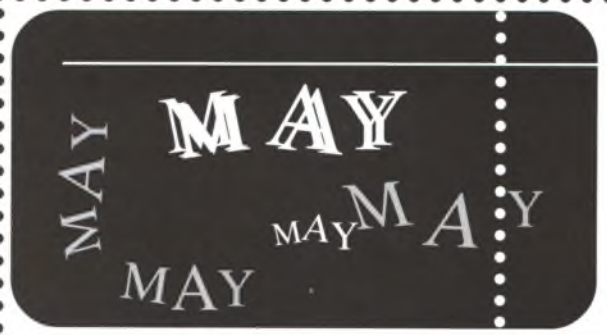


❖English instructor **Wendy Vander Linden** walks in the Tulip Time baby parade with her nephew and niece. "I think Tulip Time is a great chance to show our pride and have some fun

while sharing it with the visitors," said **Vander Linden**. **Vander Linden** also was a spieler during Tulip Time, giving all the visitors a glimpse into this Dutch community.

❖Sophomore girls hang out in **Janell Bollard's** pool on the last day of school. "We were looking for something to do, and we decided to jump in the pool, even though none of us had our swimsuits. The best part was when we threw **Lyndsey Lanser** into the pool," said **Chelsea Dahm**.

❖Senior **Micaela Grob** receives her diploma during graduation. "Graduation was hot, but I thought it was great and a little surreal for everyone. It was bittersweet for me because I am happy to be done with this step in my life, but I will miss all my friends when I head to school in Ohio," said **Grob**.





"Dances are great. I get to hang out with my friends in a totally different atmosphere."

**Senior
Katie Ozinga**

Dances, as a whole, are a struggle for me.

When you dance like me, the ladies don't want to come around, so in the end, I have to stand by my man."

**Senior
Tyler Boeyink**



"Homecoming dance was fun to celebrate the big win, and the DJ was really good."

**Senior
Alison Corbett**

"Dances here are more fun than the middle school dances. My friends and I love to dance."

**Freshman
Kayleen Vander Horst**



*Senior **Erin Sokol** concentrates on an intense game of fooseball while spending some time at the Cordova cabins with some of her friends. "Hanging out at the cabin gave us opportunity to mingle with fellow classmates that we typically didn't get the chance to hang out with. It created new and lasting friendships," said **Sokol**.



Juniors

Kelly Eysink

Ashley Roorda, Amanda VanSant

Amanda Miller

Juniors

Megan Renaud, Hillary Van Horn, Suzanne Wares

Courtney Fleenor, Zach Hogan

Seniors

Crystal El

Parties & Dances

•Blair Verhoef

Fun

Pay close attention, and you'd hear most students complaining about not having anything to do during the week or weekends. However, when students dug deep enough, they found that there were things to do. * For example, last fall, 17 students went to the Cordova Cabins next to Lake Red Rock. Seniors **Erin Sokol's** and **Blair**



Verhoef's parents rented the cabin for a week. They allowed the two girls to have friends over to hang out. Many students jumped on the chance to hang out with other classmates. "The cabin was really fun, I got to hang out

with some people that I hadn't seen in awhile," said senior **Michael Edwards**. *Dances were another form of entertainment that students attended. * Dances, including the winter formal and homecoming, gave students something else to do. *Sophomore **Kyrsten Klein**, along with classmates sophomores **Liesel Schroder**, **Laurel Van Dusseldorp**, and **Erika Ter Louw**, decided to have a

Christmas party. "It was a fun party to have and plan, but it was a lot of work. The best part of it was the white elephant gift exchange. It was fun to see what people gave and what they ended up with. The party was a good time," said **Klein**.

*Senior **Brian Melhus** points to senior **Ryan Salter's** shirt as if he has something on it. When **Salter** looked down, **Melhus** flicked his nose. "Hey, you have something on your shirt ...works every time," said **Melhus**.



NOTHING EVER HAPPENS

but



*Sophomores



*Senior **Emily Goodyk** and **Jen Nollin** (PCM graduate)

Memories Last A Lifetime..

"... when senior **Robbie (Feeney)** decided to break an ink pen in half, and it splattered all over everyone's skin, the walls and floor and their new clothes from Christmas. It was a disaster ... hilarious, but still a disaster."

Senior **Rachel Barnes**

"... when junior **Erika (Engelbrecht)** passed out and crawled army style across the floor at a Pella Christian dance."

Junior **Skyler Dobernecker**

"... when I jumped on junior **Kile's (Boetger)** back, knocking us both down, and I ended up getting hurt."

Junior **Brianna Ybarrola**



Sophomores Brianna Ybarrola, Skyler Dobernecker Addi Baccam, Jill VanVark Megan Bender, Kristine Kermode Josiah Carter, Angela LoThi Ryan Bettger, Bruno Orticeili Heather Linn Hayes McCurry

vrooom!

Gettin' There

Cars play integral role



1999 Mercury Cougar
Senior **Justin Caldwell**



1993 Pontiac Formula V8 Firebird
Junior **David Beyer**

My Car...



Senior **Joey Santiago** drives a red 1992 Convertible Chevrolet Geo Metro. "I don't like my car because it is ugly, too small, unreliable, and it's not fast enough," said **Santiago**.



Junior **Ryan Sims** drives a cream 1989 Lincoln Continental. "I dislike my car because it is old and needs a lot of work done," said **Sims**.



Sophomore **Kyrsten Klein** drives a red 1991 Lincoln Continental. "The one thing I dislike about my car is it always has something wrong with it, and it constantly needs to go back into the shop," said **Klein**.



Freshman **Kevin Bills** drives a red 2004 Yamaha Zuma moped. "The worst thing about my moped is when it rains, I get all wet," said **Bills**.

... My Dream Car



Senior **Joey Santiago**'s dream car is a pearl white 1999 Cadillac Escalade. "I prefer the Cadillac because it is big, luxurious, fast and has a 357 horsepower engine," said **Santiago**.



Junior **Ryan Sims**'s dream vehicle is a white 2003 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD Truck. "I picked out the truck because a heavy duty truck would be perfect to pull a horse trailer," said **Sims**.



Sophomore **Kyrsten Klein**'s dream car is a sunburst orange 2004 Chevrolet Cavalier LS Sport Sedan. "I really liked the car, mainly for its really pretty color. It also looked like it would be a fun, nice car to drive," said **Klein**.



Freshman **Kevin Bills**'s dream car is a red 2004 Pontiac Grand AM GT Sedan. "I liked the car at Jensen's Auto Center because its sporty body and wheels grabbed my attention," said **Bills**.





1998 Saturn SE-3

Sophomore **Shelly Nunnikhoven**



2002 Toyota Echo

Freshman **Sarah Thomas**



OLD vs. NEW. Senior **Mitch Horn**, top, shows off his 1969 Ford Mustang while junior **Nathan De Zwarte**, bottom, models atop his 1999 "Tang."

Car Buying Tips

"Students should consider future expenses. Having a less than perfect car creates a lot of memories that you will never forget."

Senior **Courtney Fleenor**

"Consider low gas mileage."

Junior **Brad DeWild**

"Buy something cheap but reliable that you don't really care about wrecking."

Junior **Ashley Vander Hart**

"Have someone knowledgeable with you if you aren't knowledgeable yourself. Research it first to be sure prices are within a reasonable amount. Always go to see how much insurance will be."

Sophomores **Brandon Vander Leest**

"Compare prices between dealers so you know how much you're paying. Don't buy the first car you see, and don't blow off all your money on the first car."

Sophomore **Michelle Hiemstra**

"Buy something economical and serviceable; there are lots of expenses with owning a car."

Driver Education Instructor **Don Trow**

Old vs. New

Horn, De Zwarte see merits in both

New car? Old car? It's pretty much a no-brainer as far as which one students would prefer. While most don't even have to consider the option, some made a decision to go with the old version of a current favorite. One of them was junior **Nathan De Zwarte**.

In **De Zwarte's** case, he prefers a 1969 Ford Mustang over his 1999 model. However, **De Zwarte** does like a few things about his model.

"The newer models are clean cut and a lot better looking than the models all the way back to the 70's, said **De Zwarte**.

De Zwarte would prefer an older Ford Mustang.

"I like the 1969 Shelby GT 500 because it is the best looking Mustang ever built, and it is very fast," said **De Zwarte**.

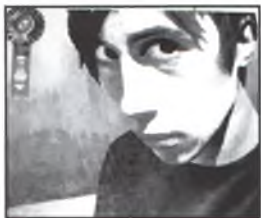
On the other hand, senior **Mitch Horn's** opinion is just the opposite. **Horn** has a 1972 Ford Mustang, one he prefers.

"I like my older model because of how it looks compared to the newer model, and I like the way the engine sounds," said **Horn**.

Horn would rather have a newer model, despite his affinity for his present car.

"I would rather have a newer model because it would use less gas and it would have air conditioning," said **Horn**.

a



artistic genius

Senior **Izaak Holt** was the Best of Show winner in the Little Hawkeye Conference Art Show with his self portrait. **Holt** and seven other students placed in the art competition.

b



bubblegum boredom

During her eighth period study hall, freshman **Megan Pfadenhauer** chews gum to entertain herself. "Gum gives your mouth something to do to keep from screaming out in boredom," said **Pfadenhauer**.



chubbs on the prowl

Freshman **Blake Kermode** brought her dog Chubbs, a one-year-old female pug, to school for a project in her Introduction to Journalism class. "I named her Chubbs because I thought she was chubby, and it fit her well," said **Kermode's** stepbrother junior **Wade Hamre**.

e



echomania

Visual Arts Instructor **Jim Emmert** works on his computer during his second semester advanced digital graphics class. "My favorite thing to do (on the computer) is echo link. (It is) amateur radio software that connects my radio-to-radio repeaters all over the world. It permits me to talk on radios all over the world," said **Emmert**.



f

fantastic friends

Friends, sophomores, **Rachael Lent**, **Michelle Hiemstra**, **Brett Nikkel**, **Luke Borgman**, **Jay Mathes**, **Alli Linn** and **Kayli Hrdlicka** hang out in the band study hall playing a game of "King's Corner." "Friends are AWESOME! ... They help you through all the good and bad times. True friends are always there for you. Life wouldn't be the same without them," said **Lent**.

g

going golfing

Varsity golfer junior **Andrew Bradley**, drives at the first golf meet of the year for the defending state champion boys' golfers. "Being a part of the team was great because it was fun to hang around the guys, and it was great golfing with them," said **Bradley**.



d

ddr fanatic

Junior **Casey Klosterman** keeps to the beat playing an up tempo game of Dance Dance Revolution. "It's fun, and it gives you a good workout," said **Klosterman**. Dance Dance Revolution, or DDR, was used by the personal fitness class. DDR was originally scheduled as an evening competition on April 3. However, the event was cancelled after few students signed up to participate.



h

helpful hans

This helpful little guy spends his time in English/Journalism teacher **Ann Visser's** room dispensing tissue paper for runny noses. "Hans has been a great addition to Room 201," said **Visser**.

From A to Z,
activity
abounds
throughout
the halls

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i

ivy on the loose

Roaming around the classroom is environmental science teacher **Lance Maffin's** pet iguana Ivy. Ivy is of the green iguana species and is four-and-a-half-years-old. "Something other than a human being is good to have in science class," said **Maffin**.



j

jumping for heart

Sophomore **Tiffany Alft** participates in Jump Rope for Heart held March 12 in the new gym. "It was a good experience and a fun way to raise money," said **Alft**. Students raised over \$3,000 for the American Heart Association.

k

katie's keychains



Students, such as freshman **Katie Fetterman**, decorated their backpacks with multiple keychains. **Fetterman** said she had approximately 28 at the beginning of the year. However, with taking some off and losing a few, she ended the year with only 11 on her bag. Freshman **Alex Meyer** joined those with multiple keychains as hers had nine.

LETTER

I

lazy lunchtime

Come the end of fourth hour, who wasn't watching the hands of the clock tick by, waiting for the bell to toll and signal fifth hour-lunchtime? During fifth hour three sections of lunch were scheduled. "Lunch was a good time to just hang out with friends and relax for a little in the middle of the day," said senior **Chris Orr**.



m

media manager

Media specialist **Clarence Bergmann** has been the media specialist for 17 years. "The best part about being a librarian is working with the kids," **Bergmann** said.



n

nibbelink's day

Math teacher **Jon Nibbelink** entertains his students with Tractor Day. Around the first of every month, the 'day' began when he brought in a tractor calendar because he didn't have any decorations, and the students started asking

questions. "The kids just won't let me stop," said **Nibbelink**.

O

range soccer shirt mania

Orange shirts featuring singer **Bob Marley** playing soccer were sold by the boys' soccer team. Approximately 250 shirts, designed by senior **Alex Schuring** and his dad **Mike**, were sold. The shirts were sold for \$10 or \$11, depending on the color. "The soccer team was both astounded and appreciative of the number of students eager to don a fluorescent Pella soccer shirt to offer their



support," said **Schuring**. Sophomore **Willie Van Ee** models his shirt.



p

practice time

Sophomore **Valerie Dugger-Fryman** and freshman **Tarin Bradley**, treble choir members, practice "Lollipop" for Carnaby Club during eighth hour class.



q

quantities of q-tips

Q-Tips weren't in high demand in the nurse's office as only one box a year was normally used. "I don't really use them because I am not often cleaning people's noses or ears," said school nurse **Brenda Versteeg**.



r

relying on religion

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) candidates wore Trinity Bracelets made of rope with three knots to represent Father, Son and Holy Spirit. "Religion is very important in my life. I express my religion by working TEC and by wearing my cross," said sophomore **Samantha Van Haaften**.



S

slushy snow

A record snow fell in Pella March 15. The 15-inch snowfall was the second time (March 16) during the year that school was cancelled due to snow.

t

time for tennis

Coach **Bryan Mours** talks with senior **Andy Oldridge** before a tennis meet. "Mr. Mours was a great coach. He was more like a friend and made tennis fun," said **Oldridge**.



u

up and down in 4

Students scramble up the east stairs to get to their classes on time. Students, including sophomore **Nicole Lanser**, left, found it difficult to walk to and from their classes because of the four-minute passing time and crammed halls.

Lanser climbed 32 stairs to reach her Spanish class from P.E.



V

volleyball stars

Seniors **Ryan Salter** and **Joe Burch** toss around a volleyball after personal fitness class. **Burch** did an internship at Pella Health and Fitness through the personal fitness class.

W

weighty workout

Hearing the weights hit the floor is a common sound after school. "I work out in my school clothes because there was not enough time to change and catch the bus," said freshman **Josh Kim**.



X

xylophone masters

Director **Steve McCombs** gives senior **Izaak Holt** and junior **Ali Linn** a lesson in playing the xylophone. Four students play xylophone in the band.



y·Z

yearbook zone

Freshman **Tiffanie Peterman** works to meet the April deadline. "I really enjoyed yearbook. The people I worked with were great. It was fun to work with new people. I enjoyed being challenged," said **Peterman**.



Shop 'Til You Drop

• Anna Rietveld

Students showed their individuality and expressed themselves in many different ways. One of the prominent ways was through their clothing. * Freshman **Chloe Mathonet-Vander Well** preferred to wear comfy or sporty clothes "... because they don't trap you in. You're free; the clothes aren't tight and constraining," said **Mathonet-VanderWell**. * Sophomore **Joe Le May** considered his style to be very different from the average person. "I liked my style because I dressed this way not to be cool, but because I liked it, and because it was mantazmagorical," said **Le May**. * Some students did not care about what others thought about their clothing but dressed the way they felt was fit. "I really just dressed however I wanted; I didn't really have my own style. Some days I'd wear a t-shirt other days, I'd wear whatever," said sophomore **Meagan Dahlin**. * Others liked to wear what they thought fit them best, looked good on them and pleased everyone. "I usually liked to wear comfortable clothes because I liked to feel comfy, and I also liked to wear tight clothes because they showed my masculine body," said junior **Aaron Corbin**. * Senior **Kendi Beyer** felt as though she had no fashion sense. To her, it wasn't about looking good but about being comfortable. "I liked to wear jeans and T-shirts because that's what I'm comfortable in," said **Beyer**.

❖Where is your favorite place to shop?

❖What is your favorite clothing brand?

❖How much do you spend on clothes?

❖What is the fashion of the century?

❖What accessories add to an outfit the most?

❖Which do you prefer, sporty or casual?

❖What is your definition of fashion?

What's Hot

"I like to shop at Charlotte Russe because they have really cute and comfortable clothes."

Sophomore
Ashley Willemsen



Gadzooks

"I like the style of Gadzooks because it's not all brand names like everywhere else. There's more variety."

Junior **Alyson Fugitt**



The Buckle

"I like to shop at The Buckle because I get my jeans from there. They have really cool style."

Sophomore **Lindsey Hoopes**



Sportmart

"I like to shop at Sportmart because you can get all your sporting attire in one store rather than going to a whole bunch."

Sophomore **Derek Van Wyk**



Maurice's

"I like to shop at Maurice's because they have really cute, nice clothes."

Freshman **Emily Wilson**



"... highwater jeans, shirts that are too tight, shirts that say 'Hottie' or 'Cutie,' and people who dress like punks but are not really punks, are really not cool."

Junior **Kelly Hoopes**

Sophomore
Lindsey Hoopes

What's Not

Abercrombie Tank Top, \$18
•100% cotton.

Charlotte Russe Necklace, \$18
•Yarn necklace with beads evenly spaced along the string.

Abercrombie Longsleeve Blouse, \$35
•Maroon color and has beads around the cut of the shirt.

•Junior
Alyson Fugitt

Guys

Express Jeans, \$48
•Dark blue with horizontal whisker near the belt.

Maurice's Shoes, \$20
•Black and have a silver clamp in the center.

Necklace, The Buckle \$8
This is a beaded necklace with dark and light beads.

•Sophomore
Derek Van Wyk

Button-Up Gap Shirt, \$25
•White with light blue stripes.

Watch, \$65
• With black wrist band under it holds the bracelet in place.

American Eagle Jeans, \$40
•Dark blue with whiskers near the belt.

Doc Martens, \$145
•Dark brown and tie up.

Girls

• FRIENDS •

BEST MEMORY

♦Juniors **Alyson Fugitt** and **Jill Van Vark** spent the whole summer trying to make a moment to remember.



"The last night of summer **Jill** and I were chillin' with the Brazilians at the **Orticellis**' when we were getting kind of antsy and decided to take a two-hour drive down to

Missoura, see the state line and get back by 7," said **Fugitt**.

♦Junior **Travis Bogaard** and senior **Josh Smith** spent

all winter together during the varsity basketball season. After every game, they had a party to celebrate the victories. "We would all go over to 'JP's' to play poker and spend the night. The best is when



we'd all sleep together in his bed and wake up to his mom making us an awesome breakfast," said **Bogaard**.

♦Freshmen **Andrea Shrout** and **Nicole Vos** have made



many memories together. "Some of my favorite memories with **Nikki** were this last summer ('03). The best was during the Fourth of July parade. We had a water

fight uptown and got soaked. It was a lot of fun!" said **Shrout**.

♦Seniors **Amanda Van Sant** and **Jordan Bloodsworth**

take a few minutes to relax from a whole day of skiing. "It was a blast! It was fun to be able to ski with **Jordy** and tube with my other classmates and teachers. It will stick in my mind as a great memory for my senior year," said **Van Sant**.



FAMILY & FRIENDS

•Hillary Van Horn



Brothers, senior **Tyler** and freshman **Clayton Boeyink** share similar interests in everything they do. "I wub my bwothew vewy much. He is wike my bestest fwend ewew. We wike to pway wif Spencew's hairw. He's our wittle bwothew," said **Tyler**.



Family members are often the ones closest to you throughout your life. **Charma**, senior **Lindsey Vander Wert's** mom, is a secretary in the front office, and sees **Lindsey** all day, every day. "I enjoy **Lindsey** so much not only as a daughter but as a great person who has accomplished and gone through a lot to become a very special young woman," said **Charma**.



♦Making friends on the JV basketball team was not a very hard task for any of the players. Many memories were made while they hung out everyday after school for four months. "Everyone was accepting of each other, and we all became close friends throughout the season and time we spent together. I had so much fun going up to **Kristin Van Zee's** lake house and spending the night with the girls playing games, telling jokes and eating!" said sophomore **Kiley Phillips**.

Seniors **Ryan Salter**, **Matt Goodyk**, **Richard Spierenberg** and **Sarah Van Wyk** traveled together to Jamaica for their senior year spring break. **Spierenberg** said, "It was really awesome to just cut loose and have fun with my closest friends." **Salter's** and **Van Wyk's** parents accompanied the group.



♦"My sister **Emily** always gets me to do things I wouldn't normally do. Other people's opinions don't influence her much, so when we get together, we always do crazy things and it's a good time," said sophomore **Megan Renaud**.

>>> BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND



❖ Senior **Trent Sikkema** and junior **Stacey DeJooe** spend an afternoon challenging each other in video games. "Trent and I always have fun together."

It will be tough since he is leaving for college, but we are going to try and make the most of it," said **De Jooe**.

❖ Senior **Ryan Salter** and sophomore **Paige Nelson** spend a lot of their free time together. "Ryan and I always find a way to have a great time. Being different ages isn't a huge factor in our relationship since we have a lot of the same friends and interests. We have shared a lot of great times together," said **Nelson**.



❖ Freshmen **Allison Englebrecht** and **Trey Behning** have been dating since their eighth grade year. "Allie and I like to be stupid together and just forget about everything else in our lives but each other. When we're not acting up we enjoy DVDs, Mario Party, and jumping on the trampoline," said **Behning**, regarding what the two liked to do on weekends.



❖ Juniors **Taylor Lind** and **Bridget Prescott** have been best friends since seventh grade. Their relationship turned around when they started dating the winter of 2003. "Taylor and I have a strong relationship because we've known each other for such a long time. The best part is, is that we are still getting to know each other better and never have a dull moment," said **Prescott**.

PETS

ONE WORD DESCRIPTION

*Freshman **Will Lubberden**:
Basset hound named Basey - "*Lively*"

*Sophomore **Holly Van Kooten**:
Cockatiels named Anna and Ally - "*Loud*"

*Senior **Sara Benedict**:
Quarter horse named Swift - "*Beautiful*"

*Sophomore **Jon Tangen**:
Orange cat with white stripes - "*Old*"

*Freshman **Ashley Estabrook**:
Australian/German Shepherd named Jack - "*Big.*"



❖ Sophomore **Lance Eysink** loves to spend time with his dog. He takes him for walks every day and plays games with him to give him his exercise. "My dog means a lot to me. I got it as a puppy and raised it to be now three years old. He has matured a lot and fun to have around. We usually like to play ball together," said **Eysink**.

Senior **Savannah Veenstra** holds her three- legged cat Sweetie. "About six years ago she was given to us with three other cats in her litter," said **Veenstra**. It is a difficult task to take care of any animal, but there are benefits, too. **Veenstra** and her cat love spending time together. "We like taking 'cat' naps together on Sunday afternoons, and when we're awake she has no trouble getting around without one of her legs. She does just fine without it!" said **Veenstra**.



Wrigley completes Mours' family

For social studies instructor **Bryan Mours** and his wife **Tracy**, their dog **Wrigley** holds a special place in their lives.

"We don't have any kids, so **Wrigley** (named for Wrigley Field since the **Mours**' are Cubs fans) is like our child," said **Mours**.

Around Christmas, the **Mours**' considered getting another dog. An

internet search found an injured beagle mix puppy, housed in an animal shelter near **Mours**' Wisconsin hometown. The catch? The dog's name was **Pella**. Unfortunately, when the **Mours**' arrived, **Pella** had already been adopted.

"That's o.k., though. We still have **Wrigley**, and she's as spoiled as ever," said **Mours**.

We're in the

money

Heather Linn

Students learn the importance of an income

As students started getting closer to the college years ahead, they took on more responsibilities to prepare them for the business world. Most teens spent more and more money as they get older, so they set out to find jobs. Whether it was to save for college, a decent car, or just some extra spending cash, money became a significant part of their lives.

Some students weren't old enough to get jobs. They earned their money by doing chores, getting good grades or from allowances which helped out those without jobs.

"Depending on how much I asked for, I usually got between \$5-\$15 every week as allowance," said sophomore **Amanda Veenstra**.

Getting a checking account or check/credit cards were among the adult responsibilities that high schoolers started to experience.

"It kept me from spending money because I was too lazy to fill out checks. I had to make sure I had money in my checking account to pay for purchases," said senior **Lara Van Wyk** who worked an average 20 hours per week on the School-to-Work program at Pella Corporation.

Getting a job was its own responsibility. During the week, students learned to manage their time a little better when they had to juggle school, homework, sports and jobs, and still find time to have a social life.

"I worked between 6-10 hours a week during wrestling, and around 15-25 during the off season," said sophomore **Andrew Santiago**, an employee at Taco John's. "I had to pay for car insurance, gas for my car and a cell phone bill. I also wanted some extra spending money," said **Santiago**.



What did you like most about working?

"I liked helping out my family, and I felt good doing it."

Freshman **Josh Kim**
Samurai Sam's employee,
a family-owned business



What kind of work do you do?

What advantages do you have?

"I worked at the register a lot, and sometimes, I did pizza. I had a lot of fun with everyone, and the free food was a plus."

Junior **Stacey DeJoode**
Pizza Ranch employee





\$ At Scoops Cafe and Coffee House, junior **Paige McGriff** and sophomore **Shelly Nunnikoven** make a chocolate shake together. "My favorite part about working here was making coffee in the café area on Saturday mornings. We met a lot of new people, and we made good tips," said McGriff.

\$\$\$MONEY MATTER\$\$\$

Q *Do you have a job? If so, where? Why do you work?*

A "I work every Thursday night from 7:15-8:15 helping to teach dance at Steppin' Out Dance Studio. I work because I love dance, and I love kids." - Freshman **Mary Fox**

Q *Do you still get allowance? If so, for what and how much? How often do you receive allowance?*

A "Yes. I get about \$30 a month for my own expenses (such as going out to eat, movies, etc.)." - Senior **Tara Sorensen**

Q *Do you get money for good grades? If so, how much?*

A "Yes. I got \$20 for an A, \$15 for a B, \$10 for a C. Anything below that, I got nothing." - Junior **Jennifer Farmer**

Q *How do you think minimum wage affects teenage expenses?*

A "I think teenagers spend more money because they have more money. If minimum wage was higher pay, then naturally, teenagers would spend more money." - Sophomore **James Rozenboom**

Q *Do you have a checking account or a credit/check card? What responsibilities has this meant for you?*

A "I do have a checking account. I need to be wise about how to spend my money because it's easy to just write a check when you need to pay for something." - Sophomore **Kyrsten Klein**

Q *What job would you like to pursue when you are older? Why?*

A "A brain surgeon or radiology; they have always been an interest of mine, and I like to read books about them." - Sophomore **Sierra Smith**



\$ Senior **Kelly Hudson** worked at the hospital on the School-to-Work program doing various jobs, including filing, looking up insurance addresses, alphabetizing and computer work. "At the hospital, I enjoyed interacting with the other ladies who worked there. It made the time pass by quickly, and they always had some kind of interesting story to tell," said Hudson.

\$\$\$SURVEY RESULTS\$\$\$

- 46% had a job
- 36% had a checking account and/or credit/check card
- 25% got allowance
- 15% got money for good grades

112 people surveyed

Youth groups, choir, bells, family nights, Sunday services, mission trips all contribute to students' religious experiences

RELIGION

"Faith is believing in something that you feel is true."

Faith

-Sophomore **Anne Pitkin**

"To me worshiping is praising God and having him shine through in everything you do."

-Freshman **Megan Pfadenhauer**

Worship

"To me salvation means how Christ endured unimaginable pain to save us from our sins."

-Senior **Darvin Graham**

Salvation

"It's easier to have your own freedom, to believe in what you want and not have someone telling you what to believe in."

-Junior **David Beyer**

Freedom

With 26 churches, ranging from Reformed to Christian Reformed to Methodist to Baptist, it's no wonder that religion was a part of many students' lives in one way or another.

For sophomore **Anna Stuckey**, expressing her religious beliefs was important.

"God made heaven for everyone, not just a few 'chosen people,' and if we don't tell people about Him and the price he paid for us to get to heaven, then no one will know about him," said **Stuckey**.

Others preferred to keep beliefs personal.

"I don't think it is right to express your religion in front of others; it can lead to conflicts. Don't hide your religion, but at the same time don't flaunt it," said junior **Ben McIntosh**.

Being able to choose a church was an important choice, according to freshman **Anna Mansueto**.

"We should not all believe in one religion because we are a free country, so we should be able to choose whatever religion we want," said **Mansueto**.

Sophomore **Jon Tangen** agreed.

"I think we should be able to have our own religion; it's not right to change people's religion they have learned about their whole life," said **Tangen**.

What about religion at school?

"I am proud to say I am a Christian. My duty

is to witness and 'spread the word'. I believe that I still have the right to spread God's word, and I will express my feelings," said junior **Kevin Graham**.

Discrimination may affect students when it comes to religion.

"I am a Catholic. Sometimes, the other students were taught differently about what we believe, and so there is discrimination between what is the truth and what they think is the truth," said freshman **Rebekah Fernandez**.

Many students have believed in a religion their whole life.

"I grew up in a Christian Reformed house in a Christian family. I go to church and youth group to learn more about Jesus and being the best Christian I can possibly be," said freshman **Erin Kraayenbrink**.

Associate **Linda Nollen** shared her religious views.

"... I believe God sent Jesus. I believe He was crucified and that God raised Him from the dead and life eternal comes through Jesus," said **Nollen**.

††Sophomore **Lindsey Jansen** plays a game while attending Pine Lake Church camp in Eldora. "Camp was a lot of fun. We did many activities that tested our faith in God and in other people," said **Jansen**.

††Senior **Darvin Graham** takes a break while having fun at church camp in Eldora. "Camp has always been one of the highlights. I truly believe God is working strongly through the ministry," said **Graham**

††Freshman **Michael Holthaus** in Pine Lake eats ice cream while enjoying a night of fun at church camp. "Camp was absolutely awesome. You can meet so many different people, and they are all there to have fun," said **Holthaus**.



††Senior **Amber Breuklander** gets ready for an outdoor activity while attending a church retreat for Church of the Nazarene. "Youth group at the Nazarene Church has been a large part of my life. The activities we do have been very spiritually stretching and have also been tons of fun. The retreats we attend every year have been very beneficial and have helped me grow close to others as well as closer to God," said **Breuklander**.



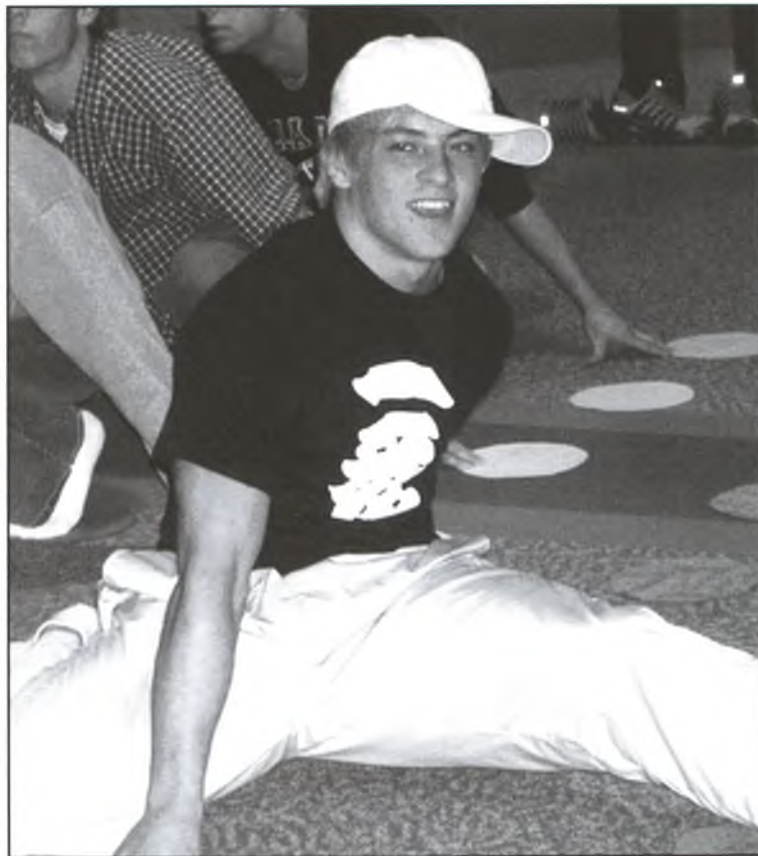
††Freshmen **Kevin Bills** and **Greg Langenfeld** relax during the St. Mary's November trip to National Catholic Youth Conference, Houston, Texas. "It was a great experience to get closer to God," said **Bills**.

††Freshman **Natalie Elzinga** gets Lifesavers on her head at Willow Brook Camp, Ankeny, during summer 2003. She was an Angel Tree counselor for young children who have incarcerated parents. "We showed kids that even while their home lives weren't the greatest, we loved them, and ultimately God loved them, no matter what their problems are," said **Elzinga**.

††Freshman **Mary Fox** worships in Eldora at Pine Lake Church Camp. "Camp is one of my favorite places. Everyone loves you, and no one judges you You can really feel God there," said **Fox**.



††Freshman **Wes McNabb** plays baseball with a fifth grader from inner city Chicago during a mission outreach project taken by members of the Underground, the First Baptist Church youth group. **McNabb** and the other 16 members of the group went to Chicago for a week after organizing the events of a week-long Bible school that they conducted. "It was very fun interacting with the inner city kids. It was a great experience helping them and playing with them. It was great to be there with them and living in their life." said **McNabb**. **Lonney Moore** is the group's leader.



††Senior **Joe Burch** shows the crowd his flexibility techniques while playing a game of Twister at his 242 youth group at Third

Reformed Church. Approximately 150 students met for the two-hour Sunday evening gatherings.

QA

How do you feel about the amount of religion here?

"I feel that each student has the right to express their personal views. I think our school does a good job at allowing that to happen." - At-risk coordinator **Brian Huddle**.

Do you feel, living in a dominantly Christian community, that there are pressures to be involved in religious activities?

QA

"No. I believe a person should be his/her own person. A true Christian should help others understand the religion and the values, and that's what people around me do." - Senior **Michael Van Dusseldorp**

Do you go to church? If so, why?

QA

"I do go to church because I want to be able to know the God that I am worshipping. It is also an opportunity for me to worship God with a Christian atmosphere." - Freshman **Jill Sorenson**

What religion do you believe in?

QA

"I'm a Catholic, partly because my parents raised me that way and partly because it was the church founded by Christ and the apostles, and not an offshoot of that religion." - Sophomore **Joel Weiler**

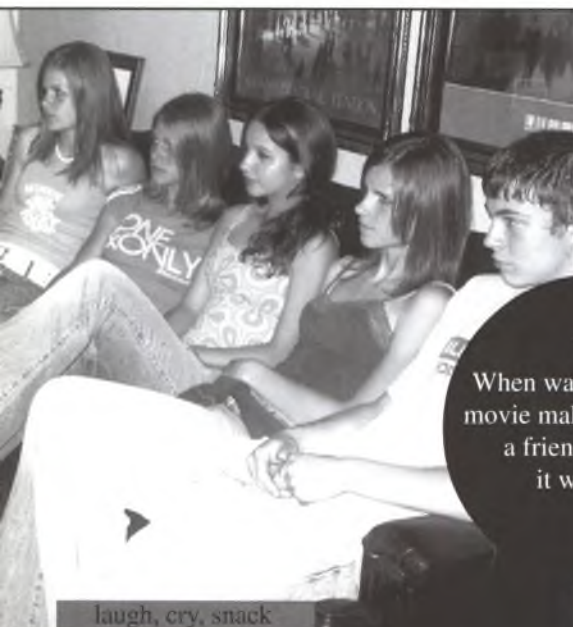


talk, chat, gossip

cell phones

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

Junior **Heather Linn** talks to her long-distance boyfriend, who lives in Minnesota, on her Samsung cell phone. In two consecutive months, **Linn** had a cell phone bill of a \$1,000. "My parents knew that when they moved me back to Pella, I would be on my cell phone a lot. I guess they were surprised at just how much 'a lot' was," said **Linn**.



laugh, cry, snack

movies

MOVIE NIGHT

Freshmen **Alyssa Brobst**, **Sarah Schuring**, **Amanda Miller**, **Courtney Lehmkuhl** and **Austin Vander Hart** watch "Wrong Turn" in **Schuring's** basement on a May Saturday night. "I liked movie nights. It was fun to watch movies and hang out with friends," said **Brobst**.

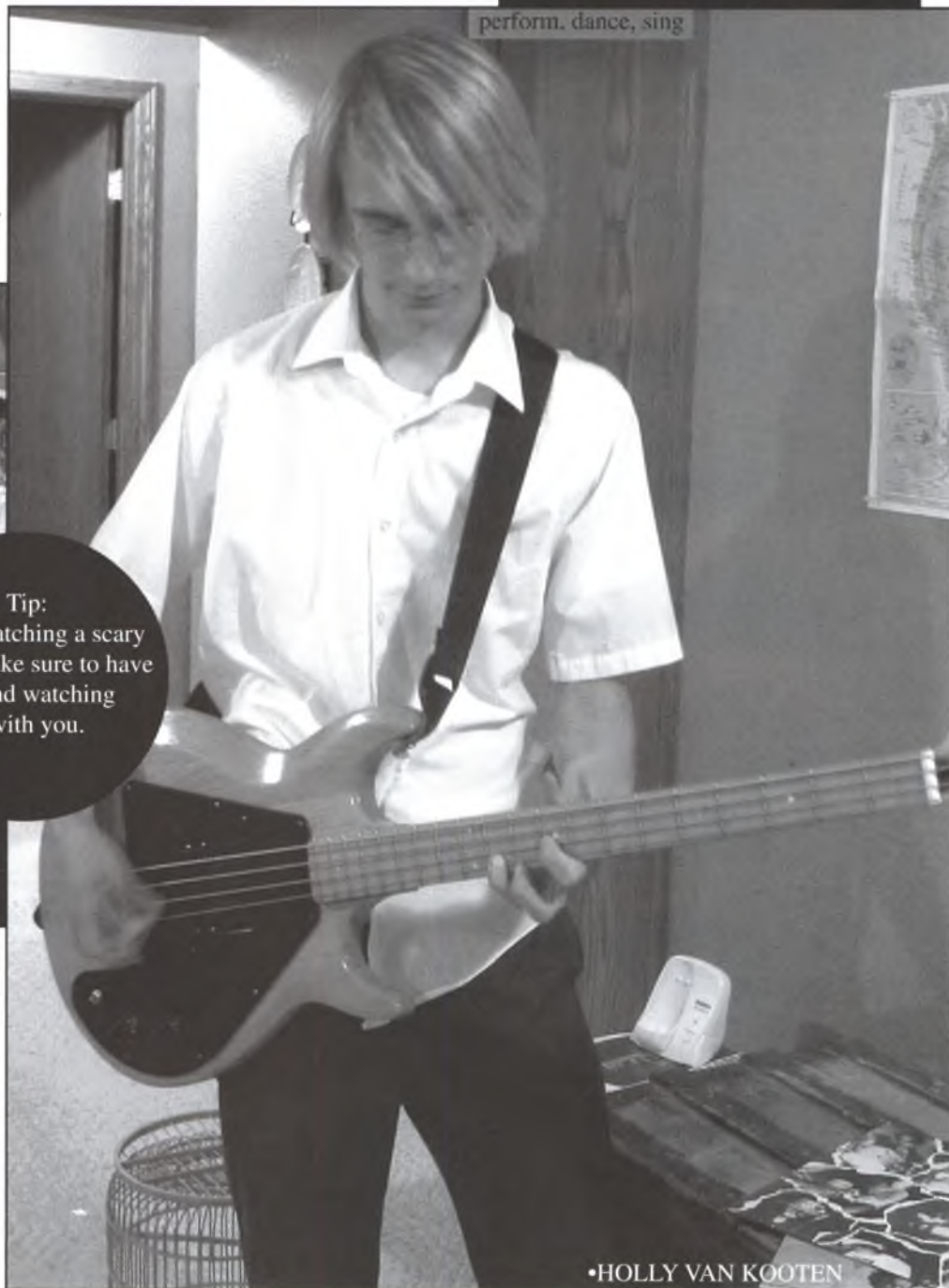
Tip:
When watching a scary movie make sure to have a friend watching it with you.

GOOD VIBRATION

Junior **Chris Lyng** plays his 1975 Gibson Grabber Bass Guitar. **Lyng** started playing music in August of 2000 when he met sophomore **Joe LeMay**, and they decided to start a band. "Other members have come and gone, but there has always been Joe and I," said **Lyng**. In four years **Lyng** has been in three bands: Scottish Tomato Demons, Stokey and Trumanne. "I like to perform music because midway through the shows, I look out into the crowd and find that one person who is really feeling the music," said **Lyng**.

music

perform, dance, sing



•HOLLY VAN KOOTEN

BUILD YOUR OWN

Sophomore **Conor O'Brien**

adjusts the neon light in his tower.

O'Brien built the tower by buying parts from www.newegg.com. The total cost for parts was about \$600.

"I built my own tower because it is easier to customize my tower the way I wanted it, and I could also incorporate art into the design of my tower," said **O'Brien**.

computers

download, surf, e-mail



play, compete, engage

video games



IMAGINATION GONE WILD

Freshman **Ross Hogan** relaxes after school in his basement, while playing the soccer game FIFA 2002 on his Playstation 2. "I like playing video games because I can use my imagination. Playing video games allow me to do things that I could not do in real life," said **Hogan**.

television shows

watch, obsess, ponder

FRIENDS with FRIENDS

English teacher **Wendy Vander Linden** and friends watched the finale of the T.V. show "Friends" on May 6. **Vander Linden** has been a faithful fan since the series began in 1994. "I liked watching 'Friends' because over the 10 years it was on the air, I've been able to identify with the show on some level. Also, 'Friends' was always a show my friends and I gathered together to watch," said **Vander Linden**.



CLASS of 2004

May 21 graduation ceremonies
recognize 170

WRAPS IT UP

•Amanda Veenstra



The afternoon of graduation day, senior **Dustin DeHaan** sprained his ankle. "I was carrying some blocks on to a scaffold, and I was taking one at a time. I thought that was taking too long. I ended up taking two, and the plank on to the scaffold couldn't hold the extra weight and broke in half. I fell about four-to-five feet onto my left ankle, which was sideways," said **DeHaan**. "Maneuvering across the stage with crutches was an interesting experience while wearing my cap and gown. I wasn't expecting this for a graduation day. Next time I have something important to do at night, I will be more careful at work," said **De Haan**.



At senior **Kellee Van Hemert's** graduation party, his parents set guitars on the tables as his guestbook. "**Kent** (**Kellee's** dad) got the idea from someone at work who did the same for his daughter, except with a volleyball. He thought that it would work for **Kellee** with guitars. He found the electric guitar at a pawn shop, and the other was one of **Kent's** friend's dad's who had an old acoustic guitar in his basement. He gave it to **Kent**, and we set it up," said **Heidi Van Hemert**, **Kellee's** mother. "I'm going to hang the guitars in my room at home then take a picture to bring with me to college," said **Kellee**.



Senior **Lindsay Graham** receives her diploma and a rose from **Paul Van Zee**, board of education president. **Graham** was selected by her classmates to give one of the student speeches. "When trying to come up with a topic, I was thinking of all the relationships and friendships I made, and I wanted to recognize the people who impacted my life," said **Graham**. She mentioned **Rachel Barnes** as someone who taught her to laugh at anything and everything. Classmate **Alison Corbett** showed **Graham** that a person could be involved in everything. "Before giving my speech, I was really nervous, but once I was up there looking at my classmates, it seemed easier. It was fun," said **Graham**.

❖ Ready to go! Senior **Emily Bensink** receives her diploma and rose from **Board of Education President Paul Van Zee**. "I didn't realize I was graduating until I was up on the stage with the diploma in my hand," said **Bensink**, a member of the National Honor Society and a honor student. **Bensink's** classmate **Nicole Verhey** had the same sort of feeling. "Graduation was really surreal because it didn't occur to me that I was actually graduating," said **Verhey**. "I enjoyed graduation because one door closed but yet I know there is more ahead of me. I'm excited for next year at the University of Iowa to major in business," said **Verhey**.



Senior Girls in their Younger Years



Tanna Van Den Berg



Senior Volleyball Players W. Metcalf, T. Sorensen, E. Bensink



Paul Yang



Nick Hartson, Andy Hawkins



Danielle Brillhart



Darvin Graham



Seniors



Celebrate!

The night began with the anticipation of graduating high school. It ended for many with late night celebrating

"I visited with classmates and friends, and I got to watch movies of us as kids at Sophie Linn's house. It was lots of fun and definitely cute to watch us as we grew up and matured," said senior **Savannah Veenstra**.

Food was also a big part of graduation parties.

"I got to drive around to differ-

ent parties and eat. I also got to see and talk to friends that I may not see for awhile," said senior **Katie Collins**.

For senior **Emily Bensink**, going to other people's parties had to wait.

"I had my party Friday; it was fun to hang out with my friends and have my family here with me," said **Bensink**.

Forty of the 170 graduates will attend Central College next year, a record number.

If You Were There You...

- watched senior **Tyler Freeman** hug Principal **Mark Lee** before receiving his diploma
- listened to speaker **Darvin Graham** make fun of his childhood
- listened to the motivational speaker **Quitin Stieff**, Fellowship of Christian Athletes read warning labels that were quite obvious, such as "...on a toilet brush it said 'Do not use orally,'" said **Stieff**.



Band Drum Majors

Darvin Graham

Andrew Lundgren

Young Senior Guys

Courtney Fleenor

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Sign Here

Britney Spears, Madonna,
and Christina Aguilera
performed during the MTV
Video Music Awards at New
York City's Radio City Music
Hall. It was here that the
infamous kiss took place.

"I don't see why people care.
People do it all the time, but
you only care about them."

Freshman Cally Moffet



Associated Press Photo

In memory of Sept. 11, 2001, the
"Tribute in Light" towers were
placed behind the Brooklyn
Bridge in lower Manhattan.

"It's good to remember the
bad things that happen to us. Too
often we have short term
memories and this event we
should never forget."

History Teacher
Bryan Mours



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Hurricane Isabel's winds
and heavy rains caused
flooding on the East Coast.
Residents rode boats
through the flooded towns.

"It was tragic that so
much destruction was
done. I hope everyone can
get their lives put back in
order."

Junior Jeremy Hanson



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American illusionist/street magician **David Blaine** sat in a plastic box suspended from a crane in London on Sept. 6, 2003 with nothing but water to drink.

"It was a pretty cool thing that he did, but the one question I have is, 'Where did he go to the bathroom?'"

Sophomore **Jordan Harvey**



The Florida Marlins won the World Series after a Game Six win over the New York Yankees.

"It's nice to see the 'underdog' team win. However, I still wanted the Cubs to win!"

Freshman
Kyle Dickenson



Forest fires shook the western United States as a result of unusually dry weather. Firefighters such as U.S. Forest Service firefighter **Brian Theler** was one of thousands who took up the call to help battle the blazes.

"Forest fires are a natural thing, but it's too bad that all of those families had to leave their homes."

Freshman **Kayli Hrdlicka**



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Republican **Arnold Schwarzenegger** was elected governor of California after the recall of Democratic Governor **Gray Davis**.
"I think that just because he's **Arnold Schwarzenegger**, he shouldn't have certain advantages in political power."
Junior
Ashley VanderHart



Washington D.C. sniper suspect **John Allen Muhammad** acted as his own attorney in his murder trial. **Muhammad** was found guilty and sentenced to death.
"People who are so demented to kill people should not be allowed to wander the streets... maybe being imprisoned for life with nothing but the minimum would be worse."
Sophomore **Morgan Mock**



LeBron James made it big in his rookie season with the Cleveland Cavaliers. James was a leading player and scorer.
"Coming straight out of high school, he's made a good name for himself. He's playing with the best of the best."
Junior **Brad DeWild**

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Martha Stewart was charged with insider trading after she sold her stocks belonging to the business that fell shortly after the sale.

"I think the whole thing is ridiculous. I'm sure scandals like this happen all the time and it's unfortunate that everyone decided to make this one a big deal."

Sophomore **Sierra Smith**



Singer **Michael Jackson** got into legal trouble this year after numerous accusations of child molestation.

"I like listening to Jackson, especially the song Thriller, before bed every night. I still have a place for him in my heart."

Junior **Bruno Ortcelli**



Paris Hilton was part of the TV show "Simple Life." Hilton stayed with a family living life the the way they did- simply.

"I'm proud of Hilton for surviving a WHOLE season of normal life... the life that almost everyone else survives their ENTIRE life!"

Sophomore **Katie Sadler**

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Sean 'P. Diddy' Combs celebrates as he crosses the finish line of the New York City Marathon. **Combs** raised \$2 million for children.

"I've seen too much of him lately. He needs to stay more on the down low. But, at least what he did was for a good cause."

Sophomore **Megan Whitehead**



Bachelorette **Trista Rehn** became the first person from the TV series to marry the man that she presented her final rose to, firefighter **Ryan Sutter**.

"I'm glad that Trista chose Ryan. You can tell they love each other, and that they're not just trying to get their fifteen minutes of fame."

Freshman **Erin Kraayenbrink**



Mother Nature left more than two feet of snow, at once, in the Northeast United States last winter. This was the same snow that was supposed to blanket the Midwest but never did.

"I'm glad that the snow missed us because I don't really like snow."

Junior **Joe ErkenBrack**

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Same sex marriages hit the news, and the nerves of many people. Protestors have been rallying both sides, fighting for what they believe in.

"It's about time that people start recognizing gay marriages. I don't think it will go away and hopefully, someday, it'll be acceptable in all 50 states."

Junior **Naina Barnett**



After President **George W. Bush** declared war on Iraq, Iraqi leader **Saddam Husein** went into hiding. He was captured on Dec. 14, 2003.

"I think it was a good thing that we went to capture him. Going to war and getting the man out was for the better of the people. I think it was good decision by Bush."

Freshman **Leah VanderHart**



The ground trembled in California on Dec. 22, 2003, when an earthquake shook the state.

"It was too bad that it happened. It really stinks that there was so was damage and that the people are responsible to pay for the repairs by themselves."

Sophomore **Andrew Doyle**

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Dairy producers became leery of their cows after Mad Cow Disease became prevalent in the US.
"The large amount of media attention paid to Mad Cow Disease was unnecessary, considering the risk of contracting the disease was very low."
Freshman **Wilson Roorda**



The ball dropping. People screaming. Confetti flying. All signs of the new year beginning. Staying up late to and making New Year's Resolutions were all part of the fun!
"It's always a blast to start the new year...especially staying up late... but it just seems to be overdone in the big cities. I like the quietness."
Junior **Michelle Holthaus**



In early 2004, NASA scientists were successful in landing the first space probe on Mars.
"I think it's really neat that the probe made it and that scientists found all of that neat stuff. I wonder if we could ever live there..."
Sophomore **Lauren Oscarson**

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At halftime show of Super Bowl XXXVIII, singer **Justin Timberlake** ripped off a piece of fellow singer **Janet Jackson's** wardrobe. "Certain things shouldn't be allowed on live television. There should be guidelines that restrict acts of stupidity."
Sophomore Nicole Lanzer



Quarterback **Tom Brady** led the New England Patriots to a Superbowl victory over the XXX. The game was intense, but the commercials weren't. "The Super Bowl game was pretty good, but the commercials were disappointing."
Freshman Kayla Simpson



Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* hit the movie screens. A controversial movie, it depicted the life, and death, of Jesus Christ. "I think the movie was very realistic, and it portrayed history well. However, it's something I'll only see once; that was enough to make me think about and feel what was going on."
Senior MaryBeth Jones

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Marcus Wesson was arrested because of suspicions that he was the assailant in nine murders.
"I think it's awful that someone can do something so wrong; even if it was because of a 'cult'!"
Sophomore
Candace Zwank



The flu epidemic prompted thousands of people to get the flu vaccine. However, shortages of the vaccine prevented everyone from being able to get one.
"I think the government should provide flu shots to the school systems to give to all the students to help prevent the epidemic."
Freshman
Skyler Verros



The series "Friends" decided to end its run as NBC's most watched comedy. The "Friends" friends decided to call it quits after many successful seasons.
"I was sad that it went off the air because it had been on for a long time. I got really attached to it."
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Stacey DeJode

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Teenage surfer **Bethany Hamilton** was attacked by a shark on October 31, 2003, and lost her arm right below the shoulder. She still continues to surf and excel.

"I feel really bad for the girl. If that happened to me, I'd be super mad, but it might be ok because I'd know how to surf."

Senior David Trotter



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Millionaire **Donald Trump** started his new reality TV show "The Apprentice" last fall. The show featured people competing for a top job with the man himself.

"I'm sick of reality TV. I used to like them, but there's been too many of them."

Sophomore Paul Michaels



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1999 Pella High graduate **Kyle Korver** joined the Philadelphia 76ers this year as an NBA rookie.

"I think it's cool that somebody from Pella is now such a big superstar. I never thought that someone I knew so well would make it so far. It's inspiring."

Freshman Ross Hogan

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Six Four One..

The 2003-2004 year ended as students escaped the stress of homework and an extracurricular array of sports, music and various clubs. ❖With this bittersweet end, for seniors, memories of high school will be fresh in their minds. "High school was semi-enlightening for me," said senior **Dan George**. Meanwhile, senior **Kelly Eysink** held one of her high school memories close. "I will always remember having the opportunity to participate in the Rose Bowl Parade (in California over Christmas break, 2002). We made memories that will last a lifetime," said **Eysink**. ❖Freshmen were just getting started. With the year coming to a close, they now had experience in the high school world. "I think high school has gone pretty

easy. Some upperclassmen were nice, and some were really rude to us, but high school was fun so far. It is much better than middle school!" said freshman **Sarah Rigen**. ❖Although the seniors will be missed, the juniors are excited about being the top dogs next year. "Being a senior next year will be more fun, and I will definitely get more work done," said junior **Jamie Clinkenbeard**.

❖Seniors **Nicole Verhey** and **Collin Knoll** share a special moment during a slow dance at the Frosted Fantasy prom. "Collin and I had a great time at prom. We went with a group of 10 to Biaggi's in Des Moines. He made a great date because he kept making me laugh all night, even when things started to get boring," said **Verhey**. **Verhey** and **Knoll** had dated since they were sophomores.



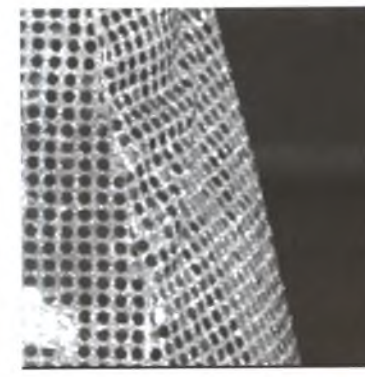
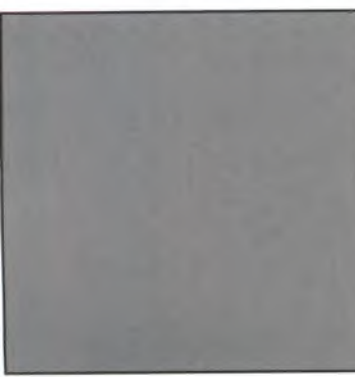
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❖Senior **Darvin Graham** and sophomore **Isaac Roorda** perform "Runaround Sue" at Carnaby Club. "I really enjoyed performing 'Runaround Sue' with **Darvin**. **Darv** is a great guy, and he is much better at showing emotion when singing than I am," said **Roorda**. This was **Roorda's** second time performing at Carnaby Club. Last year he played with the jazz band.



❖Senior **Amy Ryerson** plays her violin during the Spring Music Concert on April 22. "I liked the music in orchestra. Orchestra was good, and the instructors were both very good. Everyone was fun to play with, and they usually had good attitudes. I plan on playing at Iowa State University if I get into the orchestra," said **Ryerson**.





❖Top: Freshman **Blake Kermode** rests during Hoops for Heart. ❖Middle: Senior **Chris Childress** plays guitar in a performance for show choir. ❖Bottom: Sophomore **Anna Rietveld** sniffs a crafter's candle at the publications craft show. ❖Back: Sophomores **Kyrsten Klein** and **Liesel Schroder** dance in Cabaret.



♦Top: Senior **Tyler Vander Linden** crams into a mini mobile on the seniors' last day of school. ♦Middle: Sophomores **Kylie Phillips**, **Megan Renaud** and **Brenna Boat** have fun at Tulip Time. ♦Bottom: Juniors **Danielle Jacobson** and **Alli Linn** ride a float during Tulip Time. ♦Back: Senior **Lara Van Wyk** tries to steal the ball from a Pella Christian opponent.

